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BUDGET

One more year of deficits unavoidable, says Joe Ceci

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Finance Minister Joe Ceci said Wednesday that Alberta will run deficits one year longer than the NDP promised in the spring election.

The NDP election platform envisioned Alberta in the red until the 2018-19 fiscal year, but Ceci said he and the Notley government must now break their promise, on the cusp of their first budget next Tuesday.

"We're aiming to be back in black in 2019 to 2020, a year later than we outlined in our platform this spring," Ceci said. "What I am saying today is it's going to take a little longer."

Ceci said the slumping value of crude is simply hitting government revenues too hard. "Oil closed at just over $63 a barrel on election day and has been on a global side since then," he said.

Oil prices currently sit at $45.25 a barrel and have been generally trending downward with a few rallies.

Ceci said the government didn't want to slash services or infrastructure projects to balance its book sooner. "Our economy cannot withstand any of these actions right now," he said.

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FARM ACCIDENT

Worldwide support overwhelms Bott family

The parents of three Alberta girls who suffocated in a truckload of canola said they're overwhelmed by the support they have received from all over the world.

Roger and Bonita Bott said they're still in shock over the deaths of their daughters, but are leaning on their faith to get them through.

"We don't believe that God did this, but we're believing that he has taken this and he is making something incredible come out of it," Roger said.

Catie, who turned 13 last month, and 11-year-old twins Dara and Jana, died last week after being buried in a truck loaded with canola on the family's farm near Withrow.

Authorities say the girls were playing on the truck, but haven't said how they believe the girls became trapped. Adults were able to pull them free, but they couldn't be saved. Two of the girls died at the scene, while a third died the next day in hospital.

The Botts said their daughters were "awesome" girls who liked to be involved in their church and who enjoyed farm activities.

Roger and Bonita Bott make a statement to the media at the Withrow Gospel Mission in Withrow, Alta., Wednesday. Their children Catie, 13, Dara, 11, and Jana, 11, were playing on a truck loaded with canola on Oct. 13 when they were buried by the seed.

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"They are the best girls in the world," their mother said. "They were cool to be with."

The three were a big help around the farm, doing yardwork and preparing and packing meals — fried chicken, chili and spuds — for harvest.

"They were comfortable with themselves and they were comfortable being around other people," their mother said.

The Botts said each of their daughters was quite different, but wonderful in her own way.

FAREWELL

Date set for service

A funeral for Catie, Dara and Jana Bott will be held at the Crossroads Church in Red Deer, Alta., on Friday.

Catie, as the oldest child, was a role model to her sisters and younger brother Caleb. She always had her nose in a book, even when she was on horseback.

"She was totally embracing becoming a young woman," her father said. "She was consciously working at being mature and responsible."

Jana was quieter and didn't like conflict. She loved to play the piano and make crafts.

"She was gentle with everyone. She always tried to contribute to her relationships, sometimes at the expense of her own desires. She was a really good friend," her father said.

Dara was a tomboy with a strong personality.

"If there was a job to be done, Dara would be my girl," her mother recalled, her voice breaking.

"Just the other week I told her that, 'You know, honey, you're going to be a really good mom someday and you're going to really know how to run a household and you are going to do a good job of it.'"

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MAYORAL ELECTION

Nenshi evasive on bid

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Don't ask Mayor Naheed Nenshi about running for the 2017 mayoral election until October 2016.

"Of course I know what I want to do, but I also believe that campaigns — and particularly fundraising for campaigns — should be restricted to the one year around campaigns," Nenshi told reporters Wednesday after receiving his flu shot.

"So, get back to me a year from today (regarding the 2017 mayoral run)."

Questions about Nenshi's bid to run for office in 2017 arose when he posted on Twitter Monday night, "No more elections until my own in 2017!" in response to a tweet from Calgary's Chris Turner.

Those on social media asked for more information from the mayor, but Nenshi didn't entertain anyone with a response.

When pressed by reporters about a 2017 mayoral bid Wednesday, Nenshi danced around the question and again referenced his belief that campaigns should start around the one-year mark before election night.

"I'm a strong a believer in campaign finance reform and I'm a strong believer that campaigns shouldn't run forever," he said.

The Calgary municipal election is slated for 2017.

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They did Get Out The Vote

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Students with University of Calgary Students' Union are patting themselves on the back for a successful Get Out The Vote Campaign.

Although they're still looking through their penned data to see how many students followed through and voted, SU president Levi Nilson said they gathered over 8,500 pledges from students willing to go to the polls and exercise their democratic right to vote.

"I talked to probably 400 to 500 students myself and only three said they weren't actually going to vote," he said.

Voter turnout in the riding was also a shining example for the City of Calgary and Canada at 75.3 per cent. Nilson said it's the highest in the country — and the union doesn't hesitate to take credit.

"We think we had a big impact on that for sure," he said. "Not only because we had the polling station on campus for the first time, but we made sure that students ... knew exactly what they needed to do."

Minister of Advanced Education Lori Sigurdson said she's happy to see students voting.

"I'm just so pleased that students are taking an active role because there certainly has been a downward trend in younger voters."

Nilson said students have more sway with the provincial government on funding and other post-secondary issues, but he hopes Justin Trudeau will keep to certain campaign promises, like doubling the grants for low- and middle-income students.

"We want to make sure they hold to that and create more financial aid for students."

Social media changed the election conversation

ENGAGEMENT

Got more young people talking, voting

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Rebecca Swan said she's got about half-a-dozen fewer Facebook friends now than when the federal election campaign began three months ago.

Like many Canadians, during the campaign period, Swan and her Facebook friends took to social media to express their political views. But Swan said it didn't always spur a productive conversation.

"Some people posted some horrible things — horribly racist things," she said. "And I just thought, nope, you're done."

Swan said she was surprised by how personally people took things she posted, which led her to putting disclaimers on her statuses.

"I was kind of surprised. I felt like I had to do it so that people wouldn't get insulted," she said. "A lot of people took this election as a personal, sensitive issue, instead of how can we educate and use our critical thinking to make good decisions."

> **"A lot of people took this election as a personal, sensitive issue, instead of how can we educate and use our critical thinking to make good decisions."** Rebecca Swan

Courtney Dickson, 25, said she also had to post a disclaimer as her Facebook status warning people that if they were negative they would be deleted.

"You're taught growing up not to talk about certain things or speak in a certain way and I don't think social media should be excluded from that," she said.

Yet, Dickson said she saw a very engaged youth population using social media to get interested and involved in politics.

"It was the first time I've seen a lot of young people getting interested in the election and a lot of people were encouraging people to go vote, which was really great," she said.

Allison Mackenzie, associate professor of public relations at Mount Royal University, said it was incredible to see the way Canadian youth engaged.

"The fact that Facebook had an, 'I voted,' button, that people could actually push and have that up as their status, that made a big difference," she said. She said Trudeau used social media effectively, much like Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Premier Rachel Notley.

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Hope for a quick start

TRANSIT

Officials want Liberals to get moving on LRT funding

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Infrastructure — that's what city officials are hoping is on prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau's mind in the days after the federal election.

As Canada's new leader sets up, Mayor Naheed Nenshi, the LRT on the Green Foundation and other Green Line stakeholders are reminding the Liberal leader of his promises to Calgary and anticipating a speedy start date for train construction.

"(The Liberals) have promised to fund the Green Line, so we'll remind them of that," said Nenshi at a press conference Wednesday. "I expect we'll have announcements on that very, very soon."

He added that now is the time to build with low construction costs and workers looking for jobs.

If the Liberal government follows through with its language of immediacy, the city is hoping stipulations like the government only funding one-third of the project and going through a P3 screening process will be waived, so the city can get building sooner.

"With the Liberals hinting that Green Line funding could arrive immediately and with fewer strings attached, we're hopeful that Calgarians will be riding on the new Green Line LRT a year or more sooner than we previously thought," said Jeff Binks, president of LRTOTG foundation.

Binks added that he hopes the Liberals follow through on their tweaks to the previously promised $1.53 billion in funding.

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The amount of funding previously promised.

Coun. Shane Keating said although he doubts the provincial government will step up to the plate for this budget, if Calgary's Green Line project isn't addressed in the March budget they're making a big mistake.

"I don't suspect anything will be in this budget, our discussions with the MLAs is that they're all in favour of it," said Keating. "If the provincial budget doesn't have funding in their March budget, then they've missed the mark completely and they've basically alienated 300,000 plus people."

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HEALTH CARE

Patients waiting for cyclotron repairs

Alberta Health Services gave an update on its broken cyclotron in Edmonton Wednesday, saying it could be six to 10 more days until it's fixed.

In the meantime, AHS is buying the necessary product the machine produces from other provinces.

The AHS cyclotron located at the Cross Cancer Institute produces medical isotopes needed for PET and CT scans for cancer, epilepsy, dementia and heart disease, said Mauro Chies, chief program officer for clinical support services at Alberta Health Services.

Metro previously reported on Erica Malanchuk, a Stage 3 cervical cancer patient who had her PET scan delayed twice.

Malanchuk finally received her PET scan on Tuesday along with three other patients.

Despite the breakage hitting on the tail-end of an earlier shutdown in late September, Chies said doctors are prioritizing cases requiring scans to best manage the challenge.

"There are 40 patients in Calgary and 29 in Edmonton that have been affected," said Chies. "(We are) acquiring as much product as we can from other provinces."

The University Hospital and the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, as well as Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary, all use medical isotopes created by the AHS cyclotron.

Edmonton PET's cyclotron is 13 years old and has an expected life-span of 20 years.

It has performed well until now, according to officials.

AHS is conducting a feasibility study to determine if a second cyclotron should be built in Calgary, with the possibility of folding it into the new cancer centre in that city.

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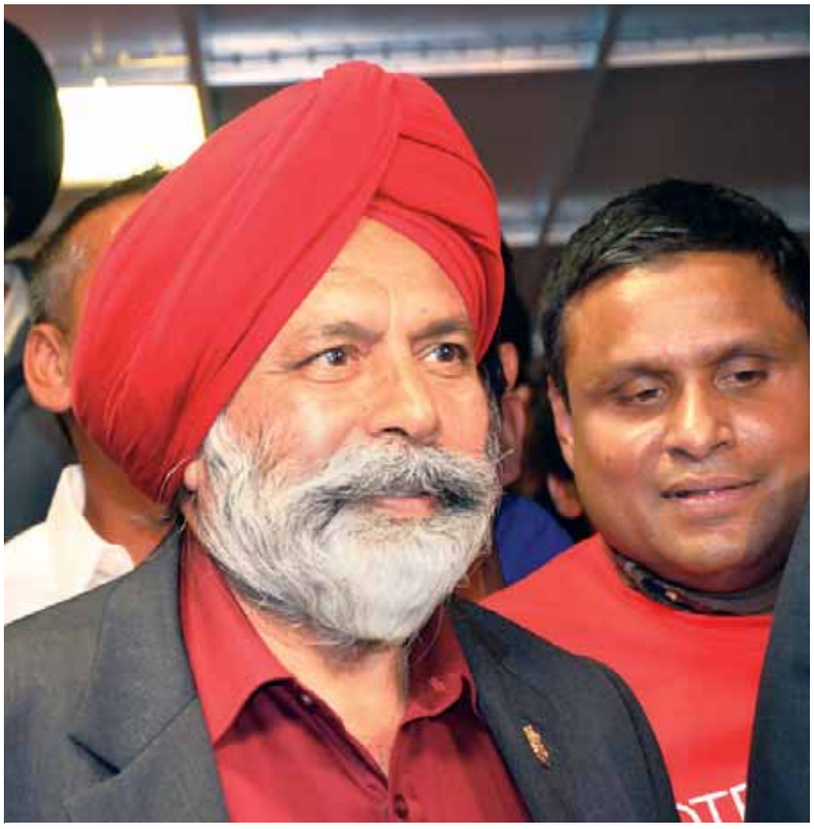

Darshan Kang won a Liberal seat in Calgary Skyview on Monday, becoming the first Liberal MP in Calgary since 1968. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Minority voters mattered in 2015

CALGARY SKYVIEW

Experts say Grits keyed in on alienation by the Tories

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

On Monday, Darshan Kang took Calgary Skyview, becoming the first Liberal MP to win a Calgary seat since 1968 — and experts say the riding's large population of minorities played a significant role.

According to the 2013 census, almost half of the riding's residents have a mother tongue that is not English or French. The most spoken are Punjabi and Urdu.

Melanee Thomas with the University of Calgary political-studies department said this might have been the reason the riding was stacked with visible-minority candidates from the Liberals, Conservatives and NDP.

However, Thomas said having a visible-minority candidate isn't as strategic as parties may think.

"We can't actually find any evidence to suggest that Canadian voters systematically discriminate against candidates, period," she said. "Canadian voters appear to be equally likely to vote for women as they are for men; they appear to be as likely to vote for non-white candidates as they are for white candidates."

Lori Williams, associate professor of policy studies with Mount Royal University, said turnout is where the minority population could have made the biggest difference.

"The voter turnout in north-east Calgary tends to be lower, partly because of that ambivalence and negative attitude towards politics that happens when people come from a country where politics is a dirty word," she said.

Williams would guess that the number of voters in the district was higher this year, as it was across the country, because more newcomers were voting for the first time.

Both Williams and Thomas point out that Kang, like Kent Hehr, now Calgary's only other Liberal MP, were both MLAs. Williams said Kang's victory likely had less to do with the colour of his skin and more to do with his outreach in the community.

"That (was a) one-two punch of a candidate that is well-known and popular and good at representing the kinds of issues and concerns of that community … combined with the fact that Justin Trudeau specifically made a visit to them and spoke against a political trend that looked like outsiders were being targeted," she said.

Williams said the Conservative position on campaign issues like the niqab debate, barbaric-cultural-practices tip line and Syrian refugee crisis made minorities feel excluded.

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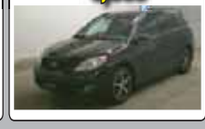

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Jackie Schoenberger and her husband have bequeathed a generous donation in their will to the organization that helped her overcome stuttering. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Grateful to 'talk again'

ISTAR

Edmonton woman to leave $100K to speech therapy group

Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

An Edmonton woman who overcame a lifetime of stuttering is leaving $100,000 in her will for the organization that helped her speak comfortably again.

Jackie Schoenberger, 44, started stuttering when she was five years old. But it wasn't until she began a career in public relations that her speech disorder started affecting her confidence.

"Talking on the telephone and even saying my name was very difficult sometimes," Schoenberger said. "It's really difficult to function in a world that's based on communication and the ability to talk.

"It really held me back from who I wanted to be in life."

Schoenberger began speech therapy at the University of Alberta's Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research (ISTAR) in 1996. At first, speech exercises felt like "talking through molasses," she said.

But six months later, she was speaking over the phone — and for the first time ever, she felt comfortable doing it.

"I basically learned how to talk again," she said.

Schoenberger's donation will allow the institute to help more clients and further their research into stuttering.

EDUCATION

SAIT expanding to diversify demand

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

SAIT's improved business school offerings will see more students entering the post-secondary institution beginning in September 2016.

Applications are now open for four new majors within the School of Business, allowing for an expansion of nearly 1,000 student seats over five years.

Degree choices now include Financial Services, Human Resource Management, Marketing and Supply Chain Management majors with the existing Accounting major already offered at the school.

"From an employer perspective it creates much more depth in the market now for potential graduates," said David Ower, Dean of SAIT's School of Business. "What we're seeing in business schools at the moment is an ongoing demand … instead of offering just one or two programs and potentially having too many students coming out of those streams, we thought it's better to look at diversity."

He said the cost to implement these new offerings is covered by tuition and the expertise already on campus amounting to a net zero cost.

Ower added tuition is in line with the cost of delivery for the program. He said this gives students the opportunity to stay on a couple of extra years for a degree in a few different subjects.

SAIT will be offering more spaces and new disciplines to the province's skilled and ambitious business students. METRO FILE

MILITARY INCIDENT

Canadian soldier injured in nighttime training exercise

A Canadian soldier is recovering from injuries suffered in a nighttime live-fire training exercise at an Alberta military base.

The soldier, whose name has not been released, is a member of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Edmonton.

The military says he was injured late Monday or early Tuesday near Wainwright and taken to the local hospital prior to being transferred to Edmonton.

The soldier's condition and how his injury occurred are not immediately known, but he has already been in touch with his family.

Army spokesman Fraser Logan says the exercise was a standard military training operation and is believed to have involved small-calibre weapons.

Logan says military police are looking into the cause of the accident, but foul play is not suspected.

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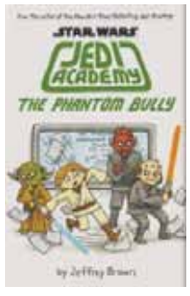

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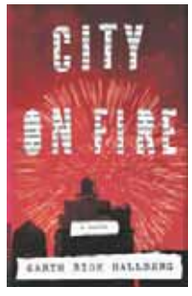

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Outgoing prime minister Stephen Harper arrives at his Ottawa office. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper welcomed by home riding

POLITICS

Constituents say they stand by their votes

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgary Heritage could be seeing more of their MP in the coming months as Stephen Harper packs up 24 Sussex Drive and moves back to his home riding.

After a nearly decade-long hiatus, the soon-to-be-former prime minister said he will return to his role as MP, and it seems his constituents are looking forward to having him back.

Dave Peterson, a Calgary Heritage resident of over three decades, said he hopes Harper comes back and engages his constituents.

"It'd be nice now if he came back and connect with people and do a good job for us," he said. "He wasn't very visible here, but still, nobody expected him to be because he had other responsibilities."

Doug Burns, who's lived in the riding for 14 years, said he sees no reason why Harper shouldn't continue with his MP duties.

"He won by something like 26,000 votes so he's got a very strong backing in the riding," said Burns.

Barry Cooper, professor of political science at the University of Calgary, said Harper has found himself in a position similar to that of Jim Prentice.

"He rather quickly jumped ship. It was as if he said, 'If you don't want me, I'm outta here,'" said Cooper. "Stephen is not that kind of person. I would say he is more responsible than Prentice."

Cooper said it is likely Harper will be seen around Calgary Heritage more frequently.

And, due to the strong show of support, Cooper said Harper could remain in Calgary Heritage indefinitely.

"I think that he can be their MP as long as he wants," he said.

While confident in Harper, Peterson said he isn't sure how long he'll stay as MP.

"I don't expect him to be MP for long. I think he'll gradually phase out," said Peterson. "I think it'll be difficult for him to have the heart, the energy and the drive to get back to really being just an MP, but he might surprise us; you never know."

CRIME

Calgary police seek suspects in series of car prowlings

The Calgary Police Service is looking for the public's help to identify two men believed to be connected to a series of car prowlings.

Between 7:40 and 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 18, two men pried open the door of a secure parkade located in the 1200 block of 6th Street S.W. Once inside, the two men stole various items from the vehicles.

The first man is described as aboriginal, between 25 and 30 years old, approximately five-foot-nine, 160 pounds, with a slim build. He was wearing a blue North Face pullover hoodie with a red emblem on the front and a grey, Red Bull baseball cap.

Police released these security images of two men suspected of breaking into a parkade in Southwest Calgary. COURTESY CPS

The second man is described as Caucasian, between 30 and 40 years old, approximately five-foot-ten, 170 pounds, with a mustache. He was wearing a black track jacket that had red under the arms and a logo on the chest. He was also wearing a black toque.

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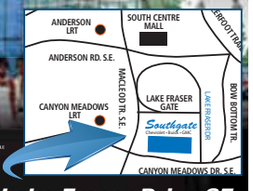

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COURT

Man who crashed SUV into patio 'distracted'

Richard Suter was trying to park his SUV in front of a restaurant two years ago, at the precise moment his wife told him she wanted a divorce.

Suter, 65, testified Wednesday he was surprised by the news and focused on his wife instead of his vehicle. When she screamed that their SUV was rolling forward, into the patio at Ric's Grill in Edmonton, he panicked.

He hit the gas instead of the brake. The SUV jumped over a curb and crashed through a glass partition and onto the patio. Two-year-old Geo Mounsef was pinned against a wall. His parents were also injured, but his five-month-old brother, who was strapped in a car seat, was unharmed.

Suter told court that he mourns the loss of the little boy and asked the child's family to forgive him for losing control of his car.

"I have done a great harm to your family and I will always be terribly sorry for what I did."

The retired businessman said he was not drunk behind the wheel.

"I made a terrible driving error that had a tragic outcome."

Police originally charged Suter with impaired driving causing death, as witnesses said he smelled of alcohol and was stumbling and slurring his words after the crash on May 19, 2013.

But court also heard other witnesses who believed he was sober. Suter pleaded guilty to refusing to provide a breath sample when there is a death, a charge that carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

A week-long sentencing hearing has heard evidence about his drinking that day. He admitted to having two cocktails and a pint of beer over 4-1/2 hours before the crash.

Suter told court that he was in shock after his vehicle plowed into the patio and, after bystanders yelled at him and banged on his hood, he slowly reversed.

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Pictured back from left, Ian Wallace, Scoot Laird, Darren McKorby and Ken Graham at the "Party for Marty" held on Wednesday. AARON CHATHA/ METRO

The future has arrived

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Calgary fans of film franchise celebrate with a cool party

Brodie Thomas
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Like many fans of the Back to the Future trilogy, Calgarian Ian Wallace has been waiting for Oct. 21, 2015, since childhood.

In case you missed it, that is the date Marty McFly travels to in the second instalment of the time-travelling film franchise.

But Wallace's small plans to throw a party to mark the occasion snowballed into a rather large bash at Vern's on 8th Avenue SW.

His Tuesday night party featured a green screen photo booth, trivia, prizes from sponsors, costumes, vintage Nintendo games, movie props and a real DeLorean parked outside.

For Wallace, the appeal in the movie is found in its main character.

"I wanted to be Marty McFly," said Wallace. "Marty is why I learned to skateboard – and got hurt so badly. Marty is why I wore suspenders at high school – and got hurt so badly. I've suffered in my ambition to be Marty McFly."

By his count, he has seen the trilogy at least 500 times. He said his younger brother – who had physical and mental disabilities – made the movie a part of his daily routine when they were children.

"There were times when those movies were just sort of on repeat in my home. And if I was home, I was watching them."

Wallace's co-host, Scoot Laird, wrote the trivia for the evening. He's not going in costume, but he has a custom-made T-shirt which reads "Great Scoot!" – a play on Christopher Lloyd's character's catchphrase "Great Scott!"

> **"I've thought about this day literally since I was a kid.**
> Scoot Laird

He still remembers the first time he watched the movie when he was seven, staying up late with his brother, and thinking it was the greatest thing he'd ever seen.

"I've thought about this day literally since I was a kid, and it's not like Christmas where you get another one every year. This is the one and only."

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Mount Royal set to create fentanyl plan

EDUCATION

Trained staff, nalaxone kits part of school's strategy

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Mount Royal University is upping its ammo to fight against the fentanyl crisis.

TAKING ACTION

Kandi McElary said the university will continue to work on the fentanyl issue over the fall months, but the exact date in which the strategies will take effect have yet to be determined.

The university is looking to train some staff on campus to act as first responders in the event someone overdoses on fentanyl, and will allow physicians on campus to prescribe nalaxone kits to students who require them, according to Kandi McElary, director of MRU's wellness centre.

MRU and Alberta Health Services teamed up in September to address the fentanyl issue, and the health authority will continue to have conversations with post-secondary institutions about harm reduction strategies.

The university's strategies stem from statistics that say two-thirds of fentanyl deaths occur in Calgary's suburbs — an area where many Mount Royal students live, McElary said.

Those users are also considered "naive experimenters," meaning they may only use the drug on the weekend at a party, she added.

Francesca Simon, the administrator at MRU's wellness centre, said there've been 145 deaths related to fentanyl during the first six months of 2015.

> **We're seeing lots of recreational and suburban users.**
> Dr. Nick Etches

"We expect (the number of deaths) to be higher than homicides and motor vehicle collisions combined," she said.

Dr. Nick Etches, medical officer of health with the AHS Calgary Zone, said AHS has been increasing its efforts to reach out to those in the suburbs.

Visiting universities is one way to do that, he said.

"I think the harms from fentanyl use in Alberta are established and growing — we're seeing lots of recreational and suburban users," Etches said. "We want (the suburban population) to understand the risks and know how to protect themselves."

McElary said the university's plans to have readily available nalaxone kits for students and a training program in place for first-responders mean more lives could be saved — students will know they can get a kit and first-responders will know how to use them.

"It's extremely important to have these harm reduction strategies — they do save people's lives," she said. "Anything we can do (to reduce deaths) from a public health perspective is paramount."

Etches said he's encouraged by Mount Royal's harm reduction strategies.

"It's a challenge to get young recreational users to understand that they are at risk and motivate them to seek the help that they need," he said. "(These strategies) are about getting the message out there and it's about educating recreational users."

Two-thirds of fentanyl deaths have occurred in Calgary's suburbs. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

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What's in an 'and'? Plenty

ART INSTALLATION

Photographer adds ampersand to end of name

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

IAIN BAXTER& thinks the world works in "ands," so he decided to add the ampersand at the end of his name.

BAXTER& uses all capitals because Baxter& just didn't look right, he said.

His exhibition, ...Only Photography Is Up to the Task, was recently installed at the Trépanier Baer Gallery in downtown Calgary.

The exhibition — mostly Polaroids — compiles his older and new pieces, and takes you through the world via his lens.

BAXTER& said he enjoys the world's everyday juxtapositions.

For example, one shot he took in Moscow, Idaho, depicts electrical wires streaming through the city's sky.

"I think it shows that we're completely wired-in." he said. "I look as art as a way to give information."

And, like his photographs — where two objects collide — language, too, requires words to bring concepts together, he said. That's where the word "and" comes into play — language and ideas wouldn't work without it, BAXTER& said.

"I think life works in ands," he said. "It's the DNA of our language because if we didn't have ands, all of our thoughts would fly away."

And when you spell "and" backward, you get "DNA."

"It's kind of a deep concept," he said. "But, it all just makes sense."

IAIN BAXTER& JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

PUBLIC ART

Snapshots captures underpass travellers

Derek Michael Besant was walking through the 4 Street SW Underpass when he noticed a man in a business suit talking with a panhandler.

As it turns out, such conversations happen every day in the underpass, Besant said. So, he decided to create a public art installation to represent Calgarians who cross the walkway.

Titled Snapshots, Besant's work depicts 20 blurred images of people's faces with bold text in the foreground. Some of the messages read, "I live here," "I am alone," "I have nothing" and "Money."

"There are three types of people that walk through the underpass," he said. "There are the people who are on their way to work, the young tattooed guys bopping along, and those asking for money."

After the city accepted his proposal, Besant spent time in the underpass listening to people's conversations and asked them simple questions, like, "Where's the nearest bank?" and "Can I bum a cigarette off you?"

He said he wanted to directly represent the public in Snapshots, instead of creating something abstract.

"I wasn't interested in just decorating the site," he said. "The site is the most critical part of any project — it has to make sense and it has to do something that acknowledges people in that area."

He said his piece has already stopped people in their tracks.

"It was amazing to see," he said. "It's not necessarily a comfortable walk down those passages." JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Snapshots features images of those who walk through the city's 4 Street SW underpass. CONTRIBUTED

POLICE

Drive-by shooting reported in south

High River RCMP are investigating after a drive-by shooting Tuesday afternoon.

Police were called to a home in the Highwood Heritage Estates, west of the High River Cemetery, around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon, after receiving a call regarding a possible drive-by shooting.

Upon their arrival on scene, police found bullet holes in a truck parked near a home, and in the home itself.

No one was injured as a result of the shooting, but police said there were a number of people inside the targeted home at the time of the incident. Officials continue to investigate, but said they don't believe this was a random act, and said the general community isn't at risk.

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HEALTH

Province funds pressure-bandage study

Helen Pike
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It's a research project under pressure.

The Government of Alberta has teamed up with 3M Canada and the University of Calgary to test the effectiveness of pressure bandages for those undergoing orthopedic surgeries — to help speed the healing process.

The technology company and the Alberta Government are each contributing $500,000 to fund the medical product innovation they hope could help improve the health of Albertans.

Research will be conducted in Calgary through the Ward 21st Century W21C, a health systems research and innovation initiative-based test site. The ward already employs a collaborative approach to gather experts with innovative ideas, prototypes and health care products to test them in pre-clinical and clinical environments.

"We want to work with companies like 3M, we want to create more diversity in our economy," said Lori Sigurdson, minister of Innovation and Advanced Education.

She added the collaboration will help the government expand into areas like the environment and energy with companies like 3M — known for its work with pipeline coatings.

"We hope to continue this beneficial relationship into areas Albertans care about," she said. "Our government understands that the way to prosperity is through an economy that is open, sustainable and diversified."

Dr. Jon Meddings, Dean of the University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine, said the school is excited about the partnership.

Jordan Cyr, bottom, Alex Budge and Katheryn Dehan built one of the competition's sturdier boats. Other teams' efforts, like the box-boat, didn't fare as well. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Creativity put to test

DESIGN

Students all a-card-board for boat race

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

A pile of cardboard, a roll of packing tape and two hours — CBE students met at Lord Beaverbrook High school to build cardboard boats under deadline.

Then it was sink or swim for their creations, as they tested the boats in the Acadia Recreation Centre pool.

"I always walk out of this with a big smile on my face because they've had so much fun," said Michael Koehler, teacher at Beaverbrook. "They put a lot of creativity, courage and optimism into this process."

Students raced their boats, and tested their durability by fitting three people inside them, and hoping they wouldn't sink.

Koehler said the contest teaches them time management, working with limited resources and teamwork.

For students, they learned that unconventional designs can prove to be a huge advantage — the case of one group that made a flat raft — or a huge liability, in the case of one team that made a large box.

"Without having walls makes it easier to just jump on," said student Jordan Cyr, who paddled the flat raft. "A lot of the others have walls, but we didn't for that reason. It's easier to paddle."

"This thing is so sturdy, you could have five people on it," said teammate Katheryn Dehan.

The students with the best designs will take their boats at the Southern Alberta Skills Boat Race at SAIT next week.

Justin Trudeau makes his way to the National Press Theatre on Tuesday. Trudeau has promised an all-party committee will be struck to consider new formats. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Electoral system reforms planned

DEMOCRACY

Trudeau sticks to vow despite profiting off current system

Big electoral changes loom for Canada.

Prime-minister-designate Justin Trudeau has promised Monday's election would be the final one conducted using the traditional first-past-the-post system.

That means the "winner-takes-all" way Canadian voters have always elected their MPs will be changed in time for the 2019 federal campaign.

"It was one of our commitments that this would be the last election based on this process," Trudeau told reporters in Ottawa on Tuesday.

"We have much work to do, to consult, to be engaged with Canadians, to study the issue so that upcoming elections are indeed done in a different way," he said in French.

Trudeau made his comments even though his Liberals won 184 seats in the 338-member Commons — or 54.4 per cent — with just 39.5 per cent of the popular vote.

"Over 9 million Canadians didn't get to vote in a representative in this election," said Kelly Carmichael, executive director of Fair Vote Canada, which is advocating for electoral reform and would like to see proportional representation.

If a form of that voting system were in place, Trudeau's Liberals might have won 134 seats in the Commons, a minority that would have forced them to seek partners for a governing coalition.

Trudeau has promised that an all-party parliamentary committee will be struck to consider reforms.

Kelly Carmichael said her organization would like to see a "task force" of experts and MPs to study options. But she is confident they will conclude some type of proportional representation system is the answer because it works in other countries such as Germany and New Zealand.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HARPER'S REPLACEMENT

Tories begin race for leader

The Conservatives have taken their first steps toward a leadership race with the creation of a committee that will set the rules of the upcoming contest.

That committee will be able to work on its own and won't have to report to any corner of the party, including the national council, until they've set the rules of the leadership race to replace Stephen Harper.

Three senior party executives were named to the committee Tuesday and will be joined by Tories from within and beyond the national council, taking into account regional representation, gender and minorities. Committee members will have to pledge that they won't support any one candidate in the race.

In the meantime, the party's constitution says that the parliamentary caucus, which includes the House of Commons and Senate, will decide who should be the party's interim leader until Harper's replacement is found.

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REMEMBERING

Year has held ups and downs

Strangers to each other became bound by the unimaginable tragedy on Oct. 22, 2014, when a gunman went on a deadly rampage in Canada's quiet capital.

As the country marks the one-year anniversary of the fatal shooting of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, Martin Magnan has been thinking about that awful day.

Magnan didn't have first aid training, but he didn't back down from helping those who did.

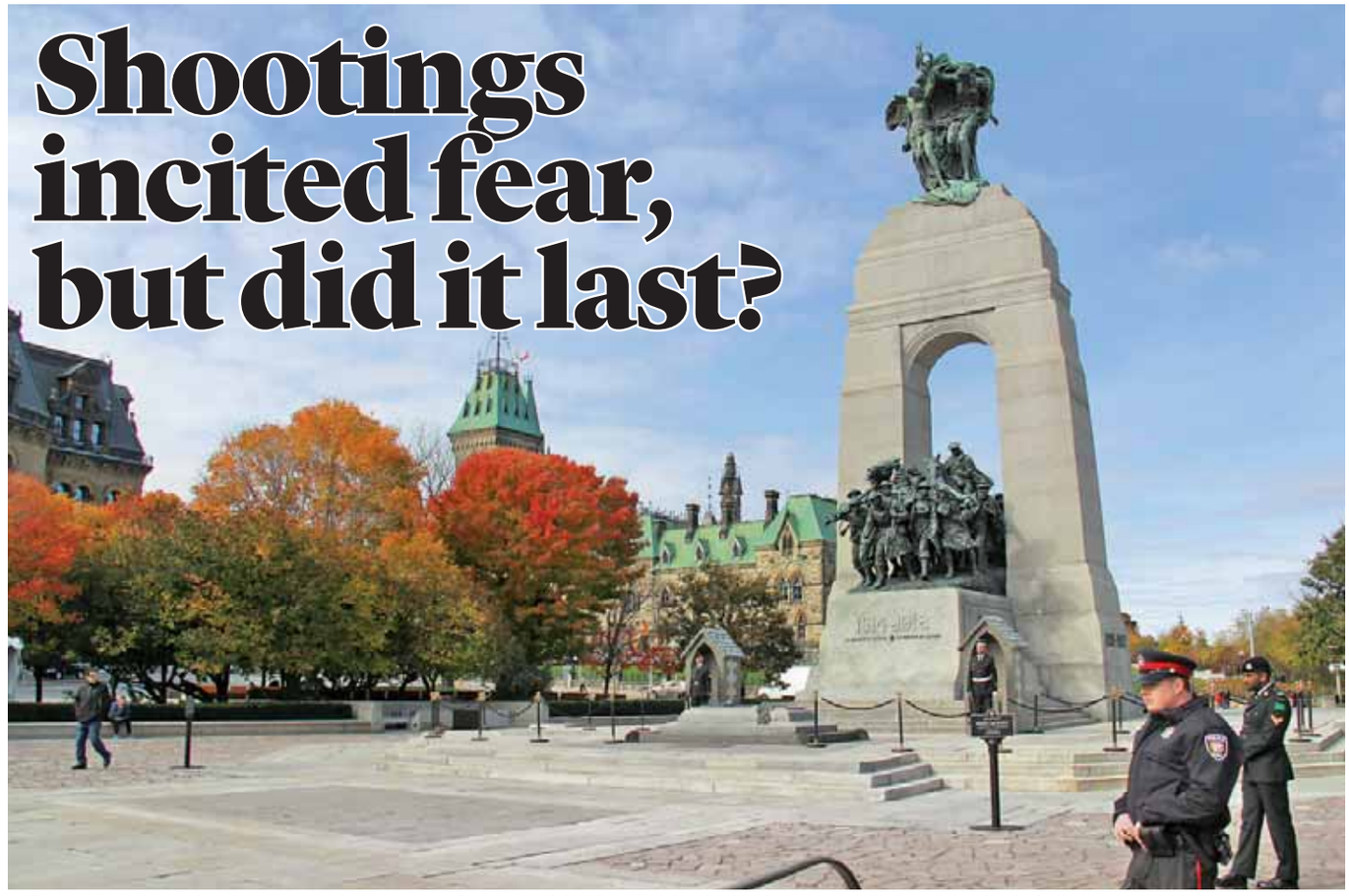
Cpl. Kyle Button instructed Magnan, a communications adviser for DND at the time, to lift Cirillo's legs to keep the blood flowing into the soldier's torso.

Magnan and five others who came to Cirillo's side that day were awarded the St. John Ambulance Service's highest honour, the gold Life Saving Medal, in June.

"It's part of me, it's part of my history. And it's made me a better person, I hope. I've had my ups and downs," he said. JOE LOFARO/METRO OTTAWA

A member of the Canadian Forces salutes at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shootings incited fear, but did it last?



Officers patrol the National War Memorial in Ottawa, the scene of the shooting death of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo by Michael Zehaf Bibeau. JOE LOFARO/METRO OTTAWA

POLITICS

Election result suggests Canada is not more insular

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

When the House of Commons reconvened the day after last year's attack on Parliament Hill and the National War Memorial by a lone gunman, there was a new level of collegiality among MPs.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper advised his colleagues to take care of their health. He and his opponents, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, all exchanged hugs.

But there were also early hints the shootings — which happened one year ago Thursday — would change things.

"In recent weeks, I have been saying that our laws and police powers need to be strengthened in the area of surveillance, detention, and arrest," Harper told MPs. "I assure members that work, which is already underway, will be expedited."

> **Our laws and police powers need to be strengthened in the area of surveillance, detention, and arrest**
> Now-outgoing Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Mulcair mentioned the weekly yoga session on the lawn of Parliament Hill as a symbol of the country's openness and freedom.

"We cannot allow that openness and freedom to be rolled back," Mulcair said. Trudeau made similar remarks.

Yoga didn't go away. But security at Parliament Hill has been beefed up, and responsibility has been transferred to the RCMP.

The Conservatives passed Bill C-51, their controversial anti-terror legislation that gave the country's security agencies more power to share information and disrupt potential terror plots, among other things. The Liberals supported it, but Trudeau said his party would amend it.

The election campaign saw issues such as the Government's wish to strip convicted terrorists of their Canadian citizenship. But the result has perhaps shown that Canada has not become a more fearful and insular society since the shooting, with voters turning away from a Conservative party that campaigned on security in favour of a Liberal party that preached "sunny ways," as Trudeau said in his victory speech on Monday.

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An aerial image taken by a drone showing an adult female southern resident orca (L94) nursing her calf. COURTESY VANCOUVER AQUARIUM/NOAA FISHERIES

Now that's one whale of a photo

DRONES

Scientists in awe of rich detail seen in aerial images

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Biologist John Durban says he was blown away when he saw the rich detail in an aerial photograph showing a tender moment of an orca mother nursing her calf off the British Columbia coast.

The stunning photo is just one of thousands of images recently taken by a drone operated by a joint team of researchers at the Vancouver Aquarium and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the U.S.

"It's an incredible photograph," NOAA biologist Durban told reporters at a news conference Wednesday to discuss the study's findings. "It's just a view you don't get when you're in the boat and you're not close to the whale."

The project marks the first time scientists have used a drone mounted with a camera to take photos of two orca populations, the southern residents and northern residents, to assess the animals' body condition and determine which ones are healthy, malnourished or even pregnant.

Scientists have been keeping a keen eye on the southern resident orcas, which are listed as endangered under Canada's Species at Risk Act. Southern residents prefer to eat Chinook salmon, as well as some other types of fish, but a reduction in the availability of prey has threatened the animals' recovery.

After two record Chinook runs, however, aerial images of the orcas taken over the summer reveal promising news. The scientists found the southern resident orcas are not only robust, but several appear to be pregnant.

POP CULTURE

Recalling DeLoreans: Health Canada doesn't need roads

Colin McNeil
Metro | Toronto

Great Scott, this is heavy.

If you have a time-travelling DMC-12 model DeLorean in your driveway, you may want to call Doc Brown. Health Canada issued a playful recall of the movie time machine on Wednesday, better known to pop-culture nerds as Back to the Future Day.

The recall details a defect in the flux capacitor that "could lead to inability to travel through time while travelling at 88 miles per hour (141.6 km/h)." Health Canada suggests bringing it to the fictional Dr. Emmett Brown for repair or face "disastrous consequences."

That was before Google "leaked" the supposed confidential documents for Project Flux — a spoof set of papers detailing their plans for a time-travelling car. Spoiler alert: it's not as cool looking as the DeLorean.

USA Today got into the fun too, with a mock front page that was a near-exact replica of the one shown in the film Back to the Future II, complete with Michael J. Fox's mug shot and news about cholesterol curing cancer.

Christopher Lloyd, left, and Michael J. Fox in a scene from Back to the Future. UNIVERSAL PICTURES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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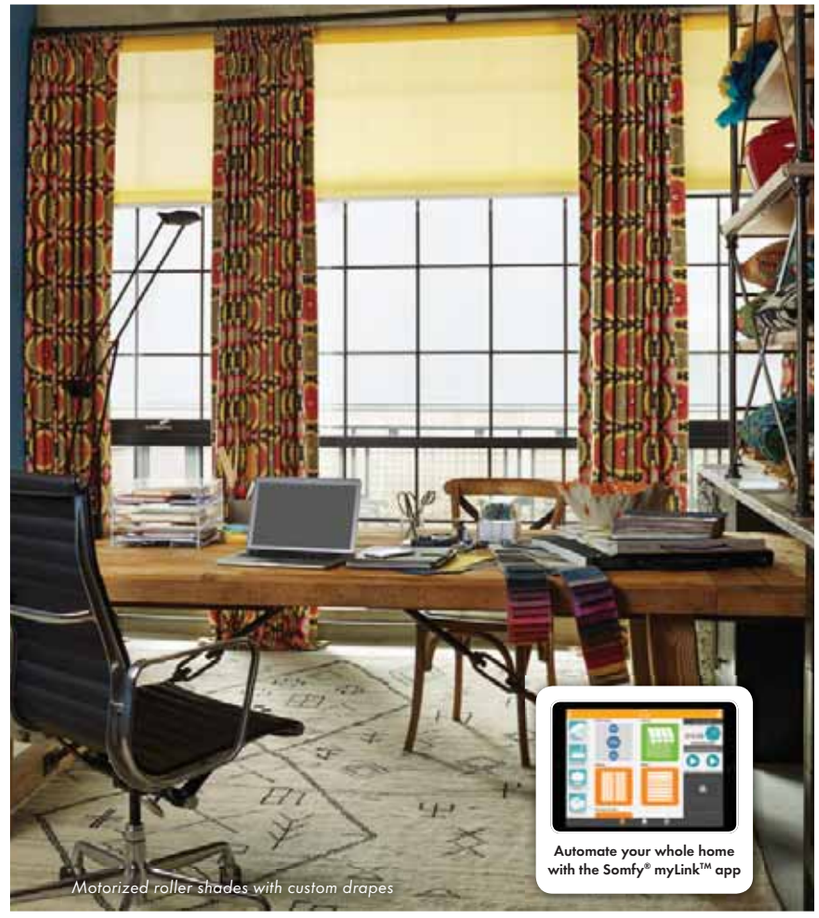

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SPACE

Astronomers find real-life Death Star

A white dwarf star in the Constellation Virgo turns out to be a Death Star worthy of Star Wars.

Astronomers announced Wednesday that they discovered a rocky object coming apart in a death spiral around the star. They used NASA's exoplanet-hunting Kepler spacecraft for the discovery, then followed up with ground observations.

"This is something no human has seen before," said Andrew Vanderburg of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, the lead author.

"We're watching a solar system get destroyed."

The data show the object in an orbit 520,000 miles (837,000 kilometres) from the white dwarf — the approximate distance from the Earth to the moon, and back.

Scientists believe the original object may have been a planet whose orbit became unstable.

The fictional Death Star of "Star Wars" fame was the Empire's monstrously big space arsenal capable of destroying an entire planet.

The findings are being published this week in the journal Nature. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A rendering showing an asteroid slowly disintegrating as it orbits a white dwarf star. HARVARD-SMITHSONIAN CENTER FOR ASTROPHYSICS

IN BRIEF

Joe Biden not running for U.S. presidency in 2016

Vice-President Joe Biden declared Wednesday he won't run for president in 2016.

During an appearance in the White House Rose Garden, Biden cited his son Beau's recent death from brain cancer as one of the reasons behind the decision. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Israel's Netanyahu draws ire for WWII accusation

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sparked an uproar on Wednesday for suggesting that a WW II Palestinian leader persuaded the Nazis to adopt their Final Solution.

Experts and survivors said the comments lessen Adolf Hitler and the Nazis' responsibility. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Groups of migrants struggle to make their way across the Balkans in Europe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Refugees continue to pour into Slovenia

CRISIS

Nation lobbies EU leaders for financial and security aid

After too many days and nights stuck outside in the rain and cold, tempers are fraying among the tens of thousands of migrants trying to get through the Balkans to the heart of Europe.

A fire at the main refugee camp on Slovenia's border with Croatia destroyed a dozen army-issue tents Wednesday.

While the government said it was still investigating the cause, police at the scene told The Associated Press that migrants had set a stack of UNHCR-supplied blankets deliberately on fire to protest conditions in the camp on the outskirts of Brezice.

Many migrants from the Middle East, Asia and Africa expressed bewilderment and disappointment because they had been told as they began their journeys in Turkey that the hard part would end once they reached the EU.

"We did not think Europe is like this: no respect for refugees, not treating us with dignity. Why is Europe like this?" said Iraqi refugee Ari Omar in Slovenia.

21,500

More than 21,500 refugees have crossed to Slovenia since Hungary closed its borders with Croatia five days ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 21,500 people have crossed that frontier in the five days since Hungary — the previous favoured EU entry point for migrants — closed its borders with Croatia and forced the human tide west into Slovenia.

The Alpine country of barely two million says it can't cope with the volume of human traffic.

More than 3,000 people who crossed the border Wednesday night were ordered to sit in cornfields, surrounded by police and soldiers, until buses could deliver them north to Austria.

Slovenia president Borut Pahor has spent the past two days in Brussels lobbying EU leaders for financial and security aid. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A police officer at a memorial for NYPD officer Randolph Holder, New York, Wednesday. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arrest in N.Y. police killing

CRIME

Accused was wanted in shooting of gang member

A career criminal accused of killing a police officer had been released from jail into a drug diversion program and was wanted in a shooting last month, said Police Commissioner William Bratton, noting that the suspect had shown an increasing level of violence and shouldn't have been on the streets.

Tyrone Howard is expected to be charged with fatally shooting New York Police Department officer Randolph Holder during a gunfight Tuesday night on a pedestrian bridge after stealing a bike.

He was arrested in October 2014 along with 18 other people and charged with selling crack cocaine at an East Harlem public housing complex. But Bratton said Howard was released into a drug diversion program, which is meant to keep drug offenders from overcrowding the city's jails.

"If ever there was a candidate not to be diverted, it would be this guy," Bratton said. "There are people in our society who are criminals, who are violent criminals ... who should be separated from the rest of society."

But court officials said Howard qualified for the program because he was charged with selling and possessing drugs and was addicted. "Actually, he's the perfect candidate in many ways," said state court system spokesman David Bookstaver.

Howard pleaded guilty to the drug charge this May and was ordered to attend monthly status meetings, but he stopped attending those Aug. 21. An arrest warrant was issued Sept. 17. The 30-year-old had been arrested 28 times since he was 13 for offences including drug possession and robbery, authorities said.

Howard had also been wanted in connection with the Sept. 1 shooting of a gang member, said James O'Neill, the NYPD's chief of department. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Soldiers, vigilantes kill 150 Boko Haram militants

Self-defence fighters said Wednesday they fought alongside Nigerian soldiers to kill 150 Boko Haram militants and rescue 36 child and women captives of the Islamic uprising in the country's northeast.

Jubilant civilians who participated in Tuesday's assault said they went to the Madagali and Gwoza areas acting on intelligence that the extremists were planning a large attack. Self-defence fighter Bukar Jimeta said they killed at least 150 militants and recovered guns and explosives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDDLE EAST

Kurds expand administration in Syria

Syria's Kurds have expanded their semi-autonomous region in northern Syria, announcing Wednesday a new administration in a majority Sunni-Arab town they seized from the Islamic State group this summer.

The announcement falls short of declaring Tal Abyad a separate region, but prepares it for such a step if the current experiment is successful, said Kurdish official Omar Alloush, who is part of the umbrella group administering the Kurdish semi-autonomous region.

Syria's Kurds, the country's largest ethnic minority group long ostracized under the central government, declared a semi-autonomous administration in 2013 made up of three largely Kurdish regions, or cantons, in Afrin, Jazeera and Kobani. They refer to their overall autonomous region as Rojava, meaning "west" in Kurdish.

The Arab majority town Tal Abyad was captured by the Kurdish fighters in June, expelling the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The expulsion dealt a major blow to ISIL's abilities, cutting off a vital supply line to its self-proclaimed capital, Raqqa and depriving it of a strategic avenue for cross-border smuggling.

But many, including rights groups, accused the Kurds of displacing the town's majority Arab population.

The UN refugee agency at the time said the Kurdish advance caused the displacement of about 23,000 people who fled the fighting to Turkey.

Amnesty International accused the Kurdish authorities of intentionally displacing thousands of Arab residents later, some in retaliation for perceived support to ISIL — charges that the Kurds denied. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ELECTION

Haiti officials promise people safety, fair vote

About a dozen top Haitian officials appeared on state television Wednesday in an effort to reassure anxious voters that they will keep their promises of organized, fair and peaceful elections this weekend.

The prime minister, various Cabinet members, the police chief and the elections director spoke on the national broadcast about preparations for Sunday elections that will see Haitians casting ballots for president, Parliament and local offices. Looking directly into a TV camera, Prime Minister Evans Paul told Haitians citizens that the weekend balloting will be held as scheduled and voters will be respected.

"Everybody prepare to go vote, there will be elections," Paul said, adding that "a lot of money has been spent, a lot of energy has gone into" getting ready for this year's three-round electoral cycle.

Widespread delays and disorder troubled the first round of legislative elections on Aug. 9, which saw an 18 per cent voter turnout. That balloting was billed as a crucial test of the country's electoral system ahead of the first-round presidential vote this weekend.

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IN BRIEF

Group says American Muslims feel 'under siege'

The decision by the family of a Texas teenager to move to Qatar is not surprising in light of lingering anti-Muslim sentiment that makes many U.S. followers of Islam feel as if they are "under siege," a spokesman for a national Muslim-American group said Wednesday.

The teen, Ahmed Mohamed, shot to national prominence last month after he was arrested for bringing a homemade digital clock to school. On Tuesday, the family announced that they would soon leave their modest home in the Dallas suburb of Irving and move to Qatar.

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Mexican man shot dead by U.S. border inspector

CALIFORNIA

Agency has come under fire for use of deadly force

A U.S. border inspector fatally shot a knife-wielding Mexican man at a California crossing on Wednesday, and an agency official quickly defended his actions.

The Customs and Border Protection officer fired his gun four times around midnight, striking the man in his chest and possibly in his neck at the port of entry in downtown Calexico, about 120 miles east of San Diego and across the border from Mexicali, Mexico, said Pete Flores, the agency's San Diego field office director.

The 35-year-old Mexican, who was not permitted to enter the United States, was on a bicycle in a vehicle inspection lane for "trusted travellers" and appeared as if he wasn't going to stop, Flores said. The man wielded a knife that was about eight inches long after the inspector grabbed his other arm and forced the man to drop his bike.

A customs official stands guard at the port of entry along the border in California. A U.S. official says an inspector appears to have followed protocol when he fatally shot a Mexican man. GREGORY BULL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

The man raised his knife and moved toward the inspector, who was backing away when the shots rang, said Flores, who didn't know the precise distance between the two men.

The man was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital. The officer, who worked in Calexico since joining Customs and Border Protection in February 2008, was unharmed. Neither name was released.

"At this point it appears that protocol was followed," Flores said. "When we have an individual who is using deadly force, our protocol is not using anything less, to equal that force."

Customs and Border Protection has come under heavy scrutiny from advocacy groups and some law enforcement experts for use of deadly force. The agency includes the Border Patrol, which operates between border crossings, and an office of field operations, which manages Calexico and other ports of entry.

Customs and Border Protection said last week that its employees used firearms 28 times during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 and less lethal weapons — like stun guns, pepper-ball launchers and batons — 740 times. It didn't say how many resulted in death. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Robert Kyncl, YouTube's chief business officer, speaks as the company unveils YouTube Red, a new subscription service, on Wednesday, in Los Angeles. DANNY MOLOSHOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YouTube launching an ad-free service

INTERNET

Plan offers music, videos and movies for $10 a month

YouTube is launching a subscription plan in the U.S. called Red that combines ad-free videos, new original series and movies from top YouTubers like PewDiePie, and on-demand unlimited streaming music for $10 US a month.

Red builds on Google's existing music streaming service by providing ad-free access to YouTube programming, along with features such as the ability to download videos to mobile devices and have music playing in the background while using other mobile apps.

Current subscribers to the $10 US-a-month Google Play Music service will also get access to Red.

The service will not be available in Canada when it launches.

Red targets YouTube fans who want to skip ads, while giving them a chance to pass along some cash to their favourite video creators, who'll share in the new revenues. It comes as streaming services like Hulu, Pandora, Spotify and TuneIn offer ad-free as a paid option.

$54.6M

Internet radio giant Pandora Media made $54.6 million US on subscription and other revenue in the quarter through June, mainly from its $5-a-month ad-free plan, Pandora One.

The plan, which launches Oct. 28, includes exclusive access to new videos launching next year, as well as the YouTube Music Key service — to be called YouTube Music going forward — for music videos.

Red could help boost the ranks of Google Play music subscribers, which stood at around 815,000 in the U.S. at the end of last December, according to royalty tracking firm Audiam. That's far short of leader Spotify with 20 million paying subscribers globally. Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook told a technology conference this week that Apple Music has 6.5 million paying subscribers and millions more still on free trials following its launch at the end of June.

YouTube is part of Google, a division of the newly created holding company Alphabet Inc.

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ECONOMY

BoC keeps rate low, sees slower growth

The Bank of Canada lowered its economic growth forecasts for 2016 and 2017 on Wednesday as it stood firm on its trend-setting interest rate.

The central bank maintained its July estimate for 2015 economic growth but downgraded projections for the next two years, blaming the hits to business investment and resource exports from persistently low commodity prices.

The bank maintained its July forecast that the economy will grow by 1.1 per cent in 2015.

The report presented a revised growth projection for 2016 of two per cent, down from 2.3 per cent.

In explaining its decision to keep its overnight rate at 0.5 per cent, the bank noted that inflation and economic activity was largely unfolding as predicted, even as low oil prices continue to weigh on the economy. It said the country's economy is bouncing back from the technical recession that kicked off 2015.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Canada mid-pack in G7 on coal phase-out policies

A study by climate think-tank E3G commissioned by environmental groups puts Canada in fourth place among the Group of Seven industrial countries when it comes to dealing with coal-fired power plants. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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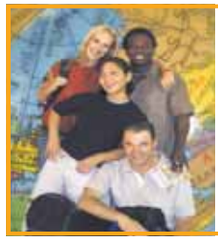
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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON TRUDEAU'S CABINET

Over and above all other choices, the new prime minister's picks for the finance and environment portfolios are the ones that stand to define his rookie government.

The cabinet Justin Trudeau unveils on Nov. 4 will have to hit the ground running.

From recasting Canada in the anti-ISIL international coalition, to deciding the fate of the just-negotiated Trans-Pacific Partnership, to beating a ticking Supreme Court clock on medically assisted suicide, to rewriting the Conservative anti-terrorism legislation and setting up an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women, many of the items on the incoming government's to-do list are time-sensitive.

On Tuesday, Trudeau said he expected his future ministers to be "actual deciders." Time will tell how much real autonomy that job description will entail. What is certain is that the men and women who make up the first Liberal cabinet in a decade will all have their work cut out for them clearing an overloaded policy agenda.

Over and above all other cabinet choices, Trudeau's picks for the finance and environment portfolios are the ones that stand to define his rookie government. Here's why.

By definition, the finance minister comes second only to the prime minister in the cabinet pecking order. There is no margin of error in selecting the right person for the job, for one cannot change finance ministers like one changes shirts.

When Stephen Harper first came to power, Jim Flaherty had the inside track on the finance post, and picking Paul Martin was a no-brainer for Jean Chrétien.

In contrast with his predecessors, Trudeau has a variety of routes he could take. Some are more adventurous than others.

The Liberal leader wants to appoint an equal number of men and women to his cabinet. In the past, the promise to make more room at the top for women has mostly translated into filling the bottom tier of the cabinet with female ministers while leaving the front-line portfolios in male hands.

Canada has never had a female finance minister. To show he means business on gender parity, Trudeau could pick an economics-savvy former journalist such as University-Rosedale MP Chrystia Freeland.

Quebec was a bit player in Harper's three governments. Appointing one of his fellow Quebecers to finance would reinforce the message that the province is back at the big table. Economist Jean-Yves Duclos — who managed to get elected in the Quebec City Conservative heartland on Monday — has strong credentials for the post.

Toronto-Centre MP Bill Morneau is both an experienced Bay Street figure and a fresh face on Parliament Hill. His appointment would reassure corporate Canada that there will continue to be open channels between it and the new government without diluting Trudeau's change message.

A trio of veteran parliamentarians with hands-on experience in government in the shape of Ralph Goodale, John McCallum and Scott Brison round out the "safe" section of the list.

There is no such competition for the environment portfolio. If Trudeau is serious about dusting off the climate-change file, he will reappoint Stéphane Dion to his previous ministerial brief.

Little would send the international community the message that Canada is back in the climate-change battle more loudly than the return of the last federal minister to have played a constructive role on the issue on the world stage.

In contrast with finance, the place of the environmental file on a government's radar is proportional to the influence of its ministerial keeper. A former party leader, Dion has the gravitas to ensure the environment brief is not (again) shoved off the table.

The pipeline debate is where Quebec's sovereigntist leadership has determined to draw its latest line in the sand. Dion fought and won a war of words on the rules of a future referendum against more articulate sovereigntist champions than the current ones.

Trudeau has long argued that a lack of social licence accounted for the Conservative failure to get a single pipeline project off the drawing board. A strong pro-environment voice in the top tier of the cabinet is a precondition to restoring public confidence in the pipeline approval process.

It won't be hard for Trudeau to find a more inspiring finance minister than Joe Oliver turned out to be in the dying years of the Harper reign.

But on his choice of an environment minister, the Liberal prime-minister-elect will be held to a higher standard.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: Punny literary treats

What happens when you cross Cervantes' masterpiece with an egg pie? Why, Don Quiche-ote, of course. That highly literary brunch dish is part of a veritable buffet of foods being served up at local libraries across North America. "Edible books" (in the metaphorical sense, of course) are a way to promote rediscovery of classic works and bring people together at the same time. The trend — which is riding the wave of pun-love flooding the Internet lately — has spawned creations such as All is Quiet on the Western Bundt (cake), a Tequila Mockingbird cocktail and a tribute to Hemingway's A Farewell To Arms featuring a double-amputee gingerbread man.

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A poet laureate is timeless and necessary in the digital age

When Anne Michaels is speaking carefully, the poet and author of the novel Fugitive Pieces puts her right hand to her forehead and gazes down.

When the words flow more quickly, she's likely looking at you with spirited eyes, maybe pushing a great wave of hair back off her face, as if to press her thoughts forward.

In 2015, in Toronto, a city of millions, the writer has a new title and a pressing question: what difference can one poet laureate make?

"I see it as a mandate to do something of value — small value, quiet value — but something of value," she says. And then she admits to hashing ambitious plans for her three-year tenure, city-wide events still too fledgling to name.

I'll be honest: when I heard Michaels had been selected, it made me care, for the first time, that poet laureates still exist. And even now that someone I admire holds the title in Toronto, it seems an incongruous role in the digital age. What does an old-fashioned figurehead role have to do with our lives — lived half digitally, outside the reach of geography altogether?

The poet laureate is a champion of all literature, Michaels tells me, and "language is how we speak out. It's our great hope, I think, so you can scold and excoriate and celebrate."

Poetry can seem destined for few and elevated shelves, the purview of devotees and no one else. But that is not how Michaels sees it.

It is "combustible" language, naturally anarchic and not necessarily bound in a book. It's a shot, a slash of graffiti on a building, anti-status quo, under the radar, a voice out loud alone in a room.

Her own writing often focuses on the dark, hard experiences of life. She says it's important "to go to those places that are incredibly difficult to look at, and then to see whether one can come out the other side, what can be made of that."

It is solitary work. But the role of a poet laureate is not. With collaborators at the City of Toronto, she intends to seek out all the layers of people here, their voices and languages.

"I mean, we're surrounded by languages, and every language here has a literature, so why aren't we bringing that forward somehow?" she asks.

There is a certain sense of helplessness in our society, she says, and rage among people who feel disenfranchised. Perhaps a poet laureate can offer, through language, power.

At a time when the problems are so big, that seems not only timeless, but necessary. In that sense, there's nothing symbolic about it.

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BOOKS

Tavi Gevinson on life in New York and Yearbook Four

Nichole Jankowski
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Tuesday afternoon in New York, Tavi Gevinson was pacing outside her doctor's office near Broadway and 21st. Gevinson, 19, is in her first year at NYU and has kicked off the term with a fall book tour for her fourth and final instalment of Rookie Yearbook, a compendium of articles published on her Rookie Mag site.

On this bright October day, she's wearing "a big red sweatshirt" that reads 'Tuesday,' she says, speaking on her cellphone. "*Red*," she wrote in Sheila Heti's Women in Clothes, "*translates femininity to power.*"

She paired the sweatshirt with black pants ("pants are kind of new to me," the former style blogger says) and black ankle boots — black, "*the uniform of New Yorkers.*"

Gevinson landed in New York over a year ago, ahead of starring in Steppenwolf's Broadway revival of This Is Our Youth, for which she received rave reviews. The New York Times says Gevinson "nails exactly the aggressive defensiveness of a girl who sees boys as both the enemy and salvation."

With a full day ahead, Gevinson is pacing, waiting and carrying a blue — "*It is the sky, the water, and Joni Mitchell*" — leather school bag. Speaking to Metro, Gevinson references lyrics from Mitchell's 1976 song Amelia: People will tell you where they've gone / They'll tell you where to go / But till you get there yourself you never really know.

She is talking about what she's learned over the years from the contributors to her site, which publishes personal essays, informational and tongue-in-cheek how-tos, photography, art and celebrity interviews.

"The best feeling for me is when I can experience Rookie as a reader," says Gevinson. "I think that it really is affirming to just watch other people try and understand their own experiences and being as candid, earnest or ugly as they need to be in order to get to the truth of the matter."

Gevinson founded Rookie Mag when she was only 15 years old and feeling that we needed more complex depictions of women in media. An online haven for young women to learn, share and grow, it is the spiritual successor to '90s alternative teen magazine Sassy.

"I basically just tricked a bunch of people into giving me advice, and then published it for other people to see, too," says Gevinson. But for all its insight, the site has never been prescriptive. "Rookie is not your guide to Being a Teen. It is not a pamphlet on How to Be a Young Woman," wrote Gevinson in her first editorial letter.

Rookie is an advising big sister, a friend who always listens, someone to laugh and cry with. "For me, it's always been with Rookie trying to walk a line between not wanting to romanticize the pain and the angst and sometimes actual depression of being a teenager but also needing to find the upside of it," says Gevinson, which she admits is difficult. "There's nothing more annoying than saying 'Look on the bright side' or 'It gets better' to someone who's still in it."

Gevinson, who graduated high school before starting on Yearbook Four, is still in it. "I was trying to embrace the unknown," says Gevinson. "I'm a year ahead of Rookie. I was trying to enjoy that uncertainty and that void."

In her editor's letter she consoles readers that it does, in fact, get better, although some things do get worse.

"I do feel that (Yearbook's senior issue) is a lot more optimistic about growing up," adds Gevinson.

From fashion blogger to feminist icon, Gevinson has grown up online. PETRA COLLINS/CONTRIBUTED

Fashion victims throughout history

INTERVIEW

Writer says style not given the rigorous look that it deserves

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Most of us have dealt with the pain of squeezing into a pair of too-tight jeans or nursed blisters from ill-fitting shoes. But imagine putting on a dress or hat, knowing very well it's coated in poison.

That's the reality that Alison Matthews David brings to light in her new illustrated book, Fashion Victims: The Dangers of Past and Present, a fascinating but gruesome look at how some of the most beautiful and stylish garments produced throughout Western history have also been the most lethal.

An associate professor at Ryerson University's school of fashion, Matthews David played detective, scientist and cultural anthropologist for 10 years, digging through international museum collections to uncover the dangerous side of clothing (an accompanying exhibition is on display at Toronto's Bata Shoe Museum until June 2016).

"People don't take fashion seriously in some ways," says Matthews David, who is currently researching a follow-up title on the connections between clothing, crime and forensics.

Published by Bloomsbury, Fashion Victims travels through the 19th and early 20th centuries, tracking the deadly mercury toxins found in men's fur felt hats (hence the Mad Hatter disease); strangulating scarves and fire-attracting crinolines; arsenic-laced emerald ball gowns and floral headpieces that caused horrific illnesses and wounds, and a coal-tar solution that dyed fabrics a gorgeous mauve, but left its makers and wearers exposed to a poisonous chemical soup.

"Fashion is not just about a vision, it's about our bodies," Matthews David says. "There was such a celebration over this amazing new dye, but it was also a giant chemistry experiment on the public. At the same time, you can't deny it's a beautiful colour."

What is striking about the era is that often there was a broad awareness of these dangers and yet people continued to wear the offending materials in the name of fashion. But Matthews David cautions against holding judgment, comparing the situation to modern-day lipstick, which is often riddled with lead.

"The social investment in wearing these things and in our appearance is so strong," she says. "I wear lipstick. I dye my hair as well, so it's not really fair to point fingers. But it made me think about my own decisions in terms of being a consumer of fashion and cosmetics."

When Matthews David visited the Victoria & Albert Museum in London to examine its collection, she discovered that the men's headwear was still so toxic, it was wrapped in Mylar bags and identified with a skull and crossbones.

"It made me think of the bodies of the historical fashion victims," she says. "As a researcher, I have this privileged, gloved, hands-on access to these objects, so I really got close and personal. It brought it home — I can safely look at them, but what about the people who made them?"

This is where Matthews David gets political. Have the horrific conditions and exposure to chemicals faced by garment workers in the 19th century improved much in today's global "fast fashion" market? Do we, as consumers, care?

"We're not as much in contact with the horrors of how things are made in unsanitary or dangerous conditions," says Matthews David. "But I hope that people will think a little more about what's in their own wardrobes after this."

I wear my lipstick. I dye my hair as well, so it's not really fair to point fingers.
Alison Matthews David

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

From fire-attracting crinolines to arsenic-laced emerald ball gowns, Fashion Victims gives a history of dangerous 20th-century designs. CONTRIBUTED

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Adele leaks details of her "make-up record"

In a letter posted on social media, singer Adele confirmed that her upcoming album will be titled 25 and called it a "make-up record."

The singer's highly anticipated next album has been the source of much speculation, with reports saying it will drop in late November.

On Sunday, she released a 30-second song clip in a commercial that aired during the British X Factor.

Now, in a letter posted on Twitter, Adele offers insight into the album, saying "My last record was a break-up record and if I had to label this one I would call it a make-up record."

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A one-way ticket to success

INTERVIEW

'I don't think it's that loveable, being a drunk'

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When Paula Hawkins' debut psychological thriller The Girl On the Train hit shelves in January, critics were quick to tout the novel as the successor to Gillian Flynn's Gone Girl. But given the book's phenomenal trajectory — selling more than three million copies to date, with a movie starring Emily Blunt on the way — it's safe to say that publishers are now scrambling to find the next The Girl On the Train.

Hawkins' titular girl is Rachel, a divorced, unemployed alcoholic who finds solace in chugging back cans of gin and tonic while riding the commuter train in and out of London.

She becomes voyeuristically obsessed with a couple whose home she passes daily, romanticizing their perfect lives — until the woman goes missing, and Rachel becomes embroiled in the mystery of her disappearance.

Like Gone Girl and other female-centred stories before it, Hawkins' novel has brought up a debate about the "likeability" of its protagonist.

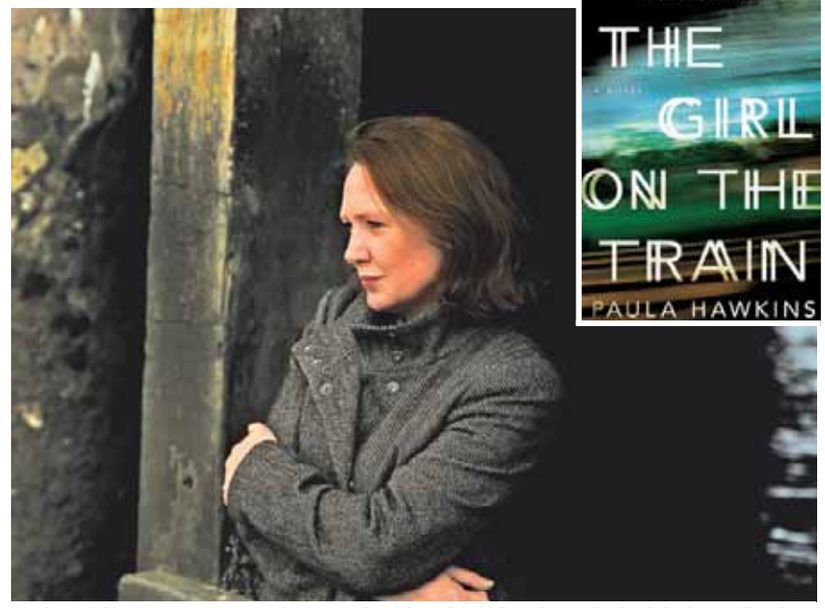
"It's a gendered thing. I don't think that men are asked about likeability to the same degree," she says.

But niceness wasn't a trait that the 43-year-old London writer considered while creating Rachel, a challenging narrator even when sober.

"Rachel was really interesting to write because she is incredibly frustrating and does really stupid things and has bad judgment, but I think that's what addiction is like. Some people couldn't stand her but I empathize with her," says Hawkins.

"I think there are a lot of alcoholics, in crime fiction especially, who are loveable rogues, but that's not what I was interested in, because I don't really think it's that loveable, being a drunk."

Hawkins, who grew up in Zimbabwe, got her start as a financial journalist, which she says gave her discipline.



Paula Hawkins says as soon as she started writing The Girl on the Train she felt "immediately better" after writing a couple of romance novels under a pseudonym. CONTRIBUTED

She wrote a couple romance novels under a pseudonym, but found the genre challenging.

"I think it was useful in terms of flexing my fiction muscles, and learning how to create characters and plot, but I wasn't putting my heart and soul on the page," she says.

"As soon as I started writing The Girl on the Train, I felt immediately better."

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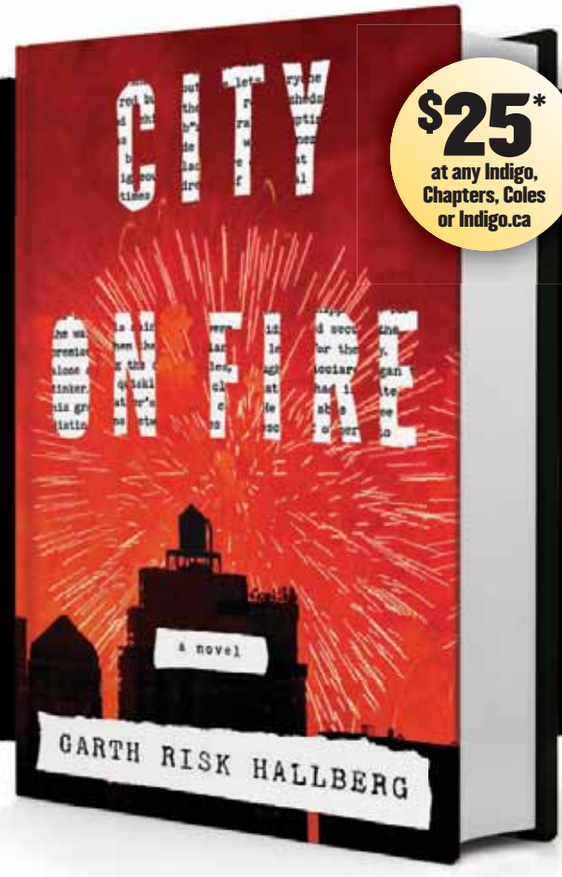

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The Golden Son after Secret Daughter

NEW FROM SHILPI GOWDA

Coming-of-age novel finds son at odds with his birthright

Henrietta Walmark
Metro | Canada

Like her debut bestseller, Secret Daughter, Shilpi Somaya Gowda's new novel, The Golden Son, is a family-based saga that straddles two cultures across two continents.

The story of The Golden Son (Harper Collins, $22.99) follows Anil, the doted-on eldest son of a large family in rural India, as he leaves home for America. His closest friend is the free-spirited Leena who bests him at childhood games in their village where Anil's father is clan leader and arbiter of its disputes. Settling disagreements is a role Anil is to inherit and one he struggles to accept as he moves half a world away to begin a medical residency at a large Dallas hospital.

Gowda dropped by Metro's Toronto office to talk about how her sophomore novel was inspired by growing up as a child who witnessed within her own family the practice of informally settling disputes.

"In India there is a long tradition of an Assembly of Five Respected Elders who would adjudicate issues that came before them. That custom endured in different ways. Usually an elder male in the family would be the informal arbiter and people would bring them problems or issues that they had with property disputes or within a marriage or between siblings who were trying to divide up an inheritance. And I just found it fascinating," says Gowda. "As a child I was usually shooed out of the room or the house and told to go ride my bike but I'd listen at the door."

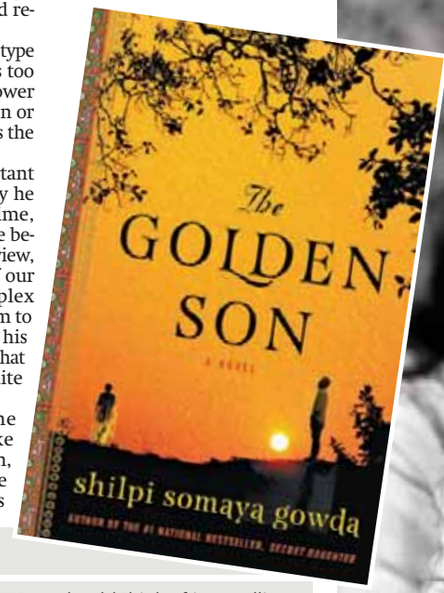
"That experience has always stayed with me. As I grew up and became an adult and started navigating issues in my own life I realized, much to my surprise, grownups don't always have the answers. I was really fascinated by that concept and I wanted to build a story around it."

The tradition of informal arbitration threads through the novel with unexpected repercussions.

"There is a danger to this type of setup, when it becomes too paternalistic, too much power concentrated in one person or in one family's hands," says the Toronto-born author.

"I thought it was important for Anil to change the way he viewed his father over time, from a hero worship at the beginning, a very simplistic view, which a lot of us have of our parents, to a more complex adult view that enables him to be better at the role that his father wanted him to play; that there is no black and white and everybody's flawed."

When asked what she hoped readers will take away from The Golden Son, Gowda says: "People surround themselves — and we can do this now with social media and 24-hour news networks — with people who have the same opinions as them. We don't have the same kind of vigorous open debate that we used to have. I hope people will say, 'hey, what did you think about that case,' and 'let's try and see each other's point of view and understand how we make decisions differently.'"



REEL DEAL

Coming to a screen near you

The screen rights to The Golden Son have been optioned to Toronto's Conquering Lion Pictures that produced The Book of Negroes miniseries. Gowda says she's excited about her novel being turned into a film, with a proviso.

"One of my favourite authors, Michael Cunningham, said that when you're an author and you sell the rights to your book, you should think of it as selling a house. You hand over the keys, and you go away. You don't stick around to tell them what colour to paint the front porch and whether to keep the doorknobs," Gowda says, laughing. "That's their job and you've done your job."

"The film will almost certainly be different than what I have in my mind. I look forward to seeing someone else's interpretation."

Shilpi Somaya Gowda's new novel draws on a tradition of informal dispute resolution. CONTRIBUTED

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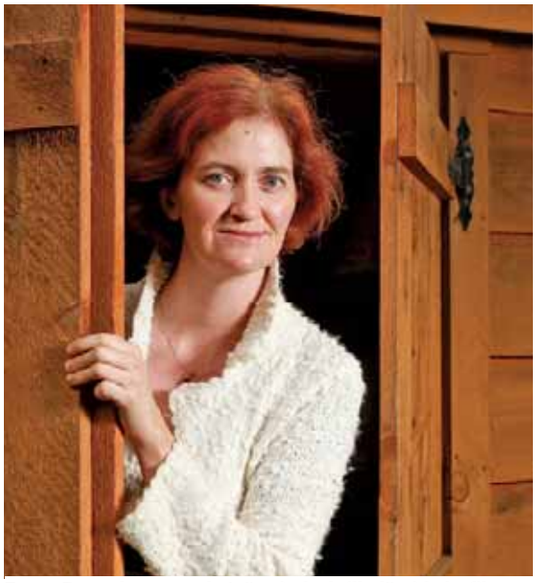

Emma Donoghue says she's "entirely thrilled" with the film adaptation of her novel Room. CONTRIBUTED

It's a Room of her own

INTERVIEW

Emma Donoghue had an active hand in bringing her book to film

Writer Emma Donoghue was heavily involved in the making of her wildly popular book Room into what is promising to become an equally popular movie — it won the People's Choice Award at the Toronto International Film Festival in September. Donoghue, who lives in London, Ont., spoke about adapting a book to a movie.

Not all books are made into movies, nor should they be. And, in fact, whenever your book is optioned you have to say to yourself "this will not turn into an actual film." So you can imagine how thrilled I am that we've actually reached this point and that it's a film I'm so proud of. From my point of view I'm just entirely thrilled with this film so it's a very, very rare and sweet experience for a novelist.

The film was a collaborative effort between you and director Lenny Abrahamson. How did that work for you?
I had drafted a screenplay before anyone came on the scene. I had done that before the novel was published, actually, because I had a strong feeling that Room would work well on screen and I thought I should try my hand at a screenplay before anybody was advising me or asking me about it. So I came to Lenny with a draft which he liked and then he put me through several more drafts. I was getting feedback not just from him but from the producers and various funders.

In the book there's a lot of internal dialogue — a lot of thinking. Was that a challenge to translate to screen?
I remember thinking we really need a cinematic equivalent for the child's point of view in the book rather than trying to put in huge wedges of voice-over. We actually use voice-over in the end but very sparingly to kind of mark little breaks between sections. The obvious way to do this would have been with an almost continuous voice-over and I didn't want that. Because in a way the camera can show you what the boy sees.

Did you have to make any compromises you'd rather not have made?
Going into this I already knew that sticking literally and closely to the book is not the way to translate the magic; there's a lot to be said for creating a film on its own terms. I'm a highly enthusiastic cinema-goer and I don't think any writer should go into the business of adapting her own work unless she genuinely finds film just as interesting and worthwhile as books. You shouldn't go in with any kind of snobbery around it.

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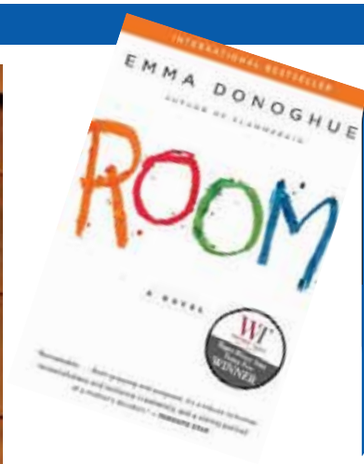

I honestly couldn't say which is better. Once you see the performance of, say, Brie (Larson), she seems more vivid than anything in the book.
Emma Donoghue comparing her book to the film

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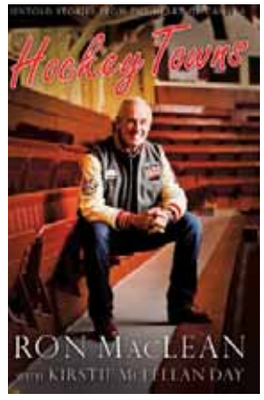
BOOK EXCERPT
HOCKEY TOWNS BY RON MACLEAN WITH KIRSTIE MCLELLAN DAY

Anyone who has meet Ron MacLean — or has watched his Hockey coverage on TV — knows he is a storehouse of knowledge about the game and the people who play it. In Hockey Towns, MacLean and co-author Kirstis McLellan Day tell some of the most interesting hockey stories from towns across Canada.

In this excerpt, we are introduced to Ian Jenkins – "or Big E, as they call him" – a good-looking young man from London, Ont., who started skating at age two.



One Great Keeper in the Hands of Another

Ian Jenkins was a phenomenal fifteen-year-old midget goaltender. The Scouting News called him "the most effective 1995 goalie … in the system."

When he started in the net, his dad, Joel, would sometimes throw a puck bag over Ian's head, and like a scene from Star Wars, teach him to know and feel the crease without looking at it. Later, Ian trained with former pro Stan Matwijiw, who taught "Have a Purpose" (HAP) on the ice and in life. Ian really bought into that and wrote HAP on the inside wrist of his glove.

When the London Knights tapped him, Ian was on the ice. Joel was monitoring the OHL draft on his phone from the stands and he put both his thumbs in the air. Ian circled his net and pumped his fist in pure joy. Joel watched with an apple in his throat. All their dreams were coming true.

On May 19, 2011, the day before Ian was to leave, he was hanging with his buddies to say goodbye. He left Joel a message: "Hey, Dad, I'll wait for you at the corner around four o'clock. Love you."

Joel was minutes from the corner when a fire truck whizzed by with an ambulance in its draft. Suddenly, his phone was ringing. Gloria, Ian's mom, was breathing hard into the receiver. Ian had fallen from the back of a pickup and whacked his head on the trailer hitch.

Joel raced to the site and slammed the car into park so hard it almost rocked off its wheels. Ian was lying in the road, foaming at the mouth, and his limbs were contorting. Joel knelt next to him, talking softly. He searched his son's eyes, but he couldn't find him.

Just before midnight, a surgeon sat with the family and told them there was no hope. Joel remembered Ian saying he felt bad for all the kids who didn't have what he had, so the family made a decision. Twenty-four-year-old Kevin Folster needed a kidney. Ian's kidney would save his life.

One of the first things Joel did after Ian's funeral was reach out to Ian's buddy, the sixteen-year-old kid who'd been behind the wheel of the truck. Joel told him, "Accidents happen. You've got to be strong." But nothing's made life easier for Joel — he will always be missing a piece of his own HAP, and he's got a hole in his heart that will never heal. How can it?

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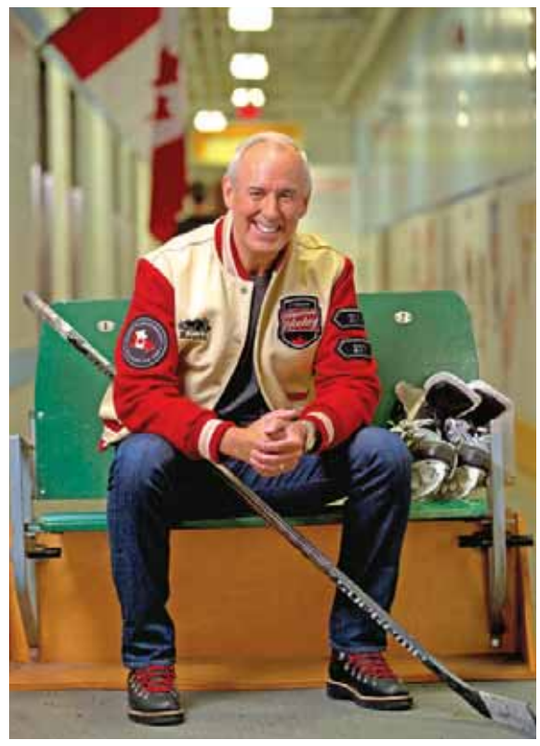

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The bold and beautiful

Photo editors take note: Zendaya is aware of your touch-ups and she's having none of it. The singer and Disney star spotted some curious discrepancies between her new cover of Modeliste magazine and, well, her real body.

"Had a new shoot come out today and was shocked when I found my 19-year-old hips and torso quite manipulated. These are the things that make women self-conscious, that create the unrealistic ideals of beauty that we have," she posted to Instagram. "So I took it upon myself to release the real pic."

The magazine took down the offending photos. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

What romance?

Don't bother asking Kate Hudson about those pesky dating rumors that link her to Nick Jonas, because she isn't talking. On Watch What Happens Live, Andy Cohen tried to tease confirmation out of her about the much-speculated-about fling, but no dice.

"I don't like addressing any kind of gossipy stuff," Hudson says. "My agent has been my mystery man maybe 25 times. You can't hug someone or talk to someone without it ending up being a thing." So you're saying it's a thing? That's totally a confirmation! NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

NONSENSE

Philosopher Jaden Smith spouts again

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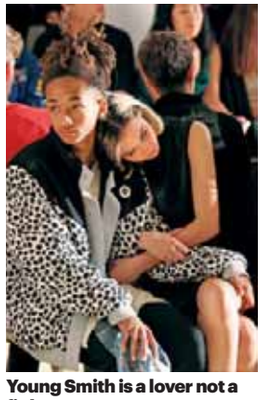
Magical second-generation Hollywood quote machine Jaden Smith is back with some wonderful pronouncements, in case you needed a pick-me-up.

In a chat with GQ, Smith admits that he's dedicated to "being, like, one of the craziest human beings to ever exist," so don't worry about offending him when you call him nuts.

"It's fun, bro. That's what a lot of people don't realize," he explains. "I feel like it's an honor, actually, for people to think I'm crazy. Because they thought Galileo was crazy, too, you know what I'm saying? I don't think I'm as revolutionary as Galileo, but I don't think I'm not as revolutionary as Galileo."

He also has aspirations toward cryptic, not quite anonymous altruism, because of course.

"It'll be kind of like Banksy," Smith explains. "But in a different way. More of a social impact. Helping people, but through art installations. It'll be like, 'This just happened that helped a bunch of people over here. We don't know who did it, but these symbols and things were left around, so we can only guess that it's Jaden and the squad.'"



Young Smith is a lover not a fighter. HANDOUT

Mixing fame with motherhood

NEW MUSIC

Underwood finds balance on her fifth studio album

Carrie Underwood is pure poise on the red carpet, on stage and on TV — but she's finding it hard to strike a balance these days, she says.

"I think mom guilt is rampant in my life," said Underwood, whose son Isaiah was born in February. "I still constantly wonder, 'Is this fair to him? Is my life fair to him?'"

Underwood, whose new album, Storyteller, is out Friday, knows the exhaustion that comes after being up all night with a fussy baby during album launch week, or the remorse in bidding him goodbye in the morning and knowing she'll be working long after his bedtime.

As she sings in Smoke Break, an ode to the working class that is now in the Top 5 on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart, it's hard to be a good wife, a good mom and a Christian.

"He's my No. 1 priority," Underwood said. "But it's just a question of how am I going to do this?

"I'll probably never find the answers to those questions."

When she was pregnant and writing songs for Storyteller, she initially wasn't ready to sing about the joys of motherhood. "I would have writing dates with people and they would come in and push me in that direction," Underwood said. "And I was like, 'Eh, no.' I do not want to write an album of mushy baby songs. Or mommy songs. That is not me."

But she did co-write What I Never Knew I Always Wanted, a reflection on the realization that motherhood filled a hole she never knew she had.

For her fifth studio album, she worked with two new producers, Jay Joyce and Zach Crowell, along with her regular producer Mark Bright.

Joyce, who won a CMA Award for producing Eric Church's album Chief and is nominated this year for Little Big Town's Pain Killer, brought a dark, rock edge to the album.

"There's definitely some twang on the album," Underwood said. "That almost makes it super fresh compared to a lot of what is out there right now. It's not old, not old country, but it's more traditional."

"She's got so many different facets to her voice," Joyce said. "She's got a really sexy slinky quiet voice, too. She sounds more confident to me."

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Your essential daily news

Famed architect Zaha Hadid's first NYC residential building has robots that will park your car

What they're a$king

One-bedroom condos are perfect for the first-time buyer looking to get a foot in the door and claim a piece of downtown real estate. Featured here is a range of one-bedroom suites, some older, some newer, to give you a sampling of what's hot on the market this week **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO

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Calgary

This new suite at 1122 3 St. SE is located in a brand-new building called the Guardian. Located on the 17th floor, the unit offers southwest views from the deck, as well as quartz countertops, upgraded laminate flooring and stainless steel appliances. The open-concept floor plan features a spacious kitchen with island in a good-sized living room with access to the deck. Listing agents are Tim Lind and Richard Fleming for RE/Max Real Estate Mountainview, 403-333-0837.

$314,000

Ottawa

Here's a one-bedroom-plus-den in the Sandy Hill neighbourhood. It features an upgraded kitchen with stainless steel appliances, and boasts great views of downtown from the balcony, as well as an in-suite laundry and building security. Amenities include a party room, swimming pool and a gym. It's walking distance to Ottawa University, the downtown and the market. Listing agent Kelly Millican is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-729-9090.

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Vancouver

For sale is this fully renovated suite that's conveniently located in Marpole, close to transit, shopping, a community centre, Richmond and the downtown. The 661-sq.-ft. floor plan includes a large master bedroom with double closets, an enclosed balcony, plenty of room for a full kitchen table and living-room furniture. The reliable, older building is well maintained with low condo fees. Storage locker and underground parking is included. Listing agent is Keith Roy with RE/Max Select Realty, 604-210-2933.

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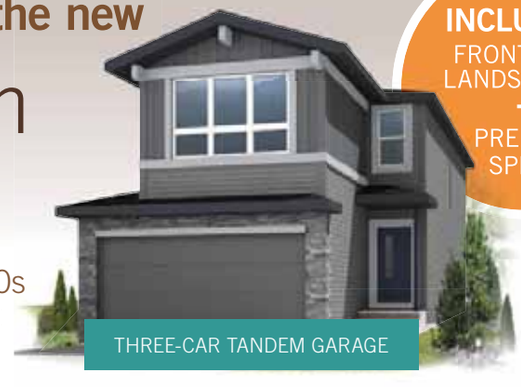

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In the neighbourhood

Mission is quickly becoming one of Calgary's most sought-after neighbourhoods. The streets are awash with boutiques, restaurants and cafés. District in Mission is also just a quick walk away from 17th Avenue's retail opportunities and drink and dining hot spots.

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DESIGN CENTRE

The Jane Hotel melds Victorian and Bohemian

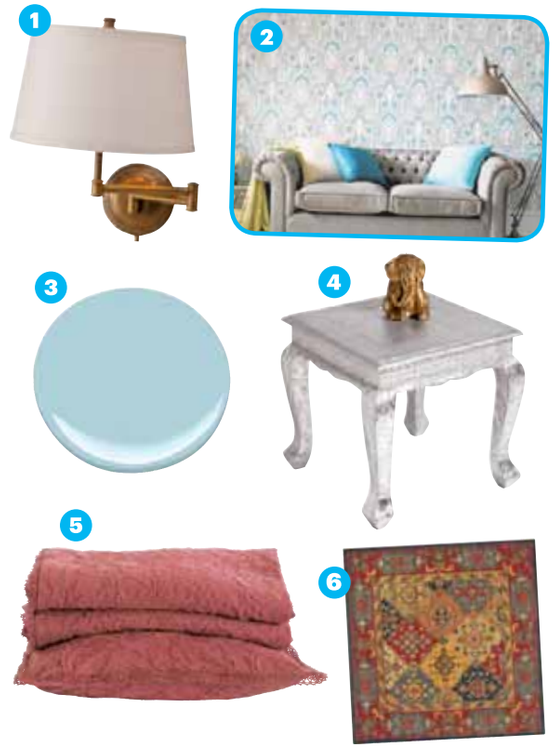
Karl Lohnes
For Metro Canada

I often get decor inspiration from my travels and the hotels I stay at. I was recently inspired by the Victorian/Bohemian mix seen at The Jane Hotel in New York City. Pattern, colour and a return to tradition seem to be hot decorating buzzwords lately, and The Jane has subscribed to all of those — done in a timeless manner that suits its historical building site while standing guard over the Hudson River on the Big Apple's west side.

The majority of The Jane's rooms are tiny budget-conscious spaces adorned with wood panel and resemble train cabins more than actual rooms. There are larger rooms with private baths called Captain's Cabins with views of the river and adjoining outdoor terraces.

Although traditional in style, there is nothing "grandmotherly" about this hotel's style. If you like the look then here are some current marketplace products available to help you achieve the look at home.

($125-$395/night, TheJaneNYC.com)



1 Chelsea Swing-Arm Sconce
Wall-hung lamps help save space on a small nightstand and offer the perfect height of light for reading. $181, PotteryBarn.com

2 Pendleton Green Wallpaper
Wallpaper has made its comeback — so the walls at The Jane Hotel have been on trend for the past 100 years! $24/roll, GrahamBrown.com

3 Colour: Blue Stream
Painting all mouldings a colour (rather than predicable white) helps to set a historical tone to the room. BenjaminMoore.ca

4 Small Decorated Metal Table
Exotic touches help create a well-travelled style throughout the space. $149, ZaraHome.com

5 Lace Frill Bedspread & Pillowcase
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How to get the best sleep possible

A mattress is one of the most important purchases of your life — too important to simply grab pre-made off the shelf, or out of the warehouse on discount, according to Charlie Gouldsborough, owner of Simmons Mattress Gallery in Calgary.

"The quality of rest you get on your mattress affects your quality of life every single day. It's a purchase that, when carefully considered, will reward you with a great night's sleep for years," says Gouldsborough.

The family-run Simmons Mattress Gallery in Calgary has been the city's source for reliable, quality mattresses for more than 16 years.

Whenever customers order a mattress from Simmons Mattress Gallery, the order is sent to a local manufacturer, which makes each mattress to-order. The family-owned delivery service, which specializes in moving furniture and bedding, will deliver quickly, with care and professionalism.

VISIT OR GO ONLINE

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"Our mattresses are freshly made to order for each customer," says Gouldsborough. "They haven't been sitting in a warehouse for months — we don't do business that way. Because we are not constantly trying to get rid of stock, our focus really is on finding the best mattress for you."

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Not all mattresses are created equal. With many different sizes, technologies, materials, styles and prices, there's something for everyone — but the choices can be overwhelming. The highly trained staff at Simmons Mattress Gallery are known for their attention to customers' needs.

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Housing too diverse for simple analysis

Alberta is home to several local markets

Though national observers are increasingly keen to discuss and dissect Alberta's housing market, a closer look at the numbers suggests the province is home to several local markets, says Scott Bollinger, ComFree Commonsense Network's licensed associate broker.

"We see lots of things in the Toronto media about the Alberta market — it's cooling, it's crashing, it's bottomed out and will rebound with oil, it's this, that, and the other," Bollinger says.

"But the only question that's really relevant is, 'What's happening locally?' Alberta is too diverse and its big markets separated by too much empty space to create a cohesive and coherent provincial market."

For context, Bollinger points to statistics released recently by the big real estate boards in Edmonton and Calgary.

In Edmonton, for example, September sales of all residential properties sunk about seven per cent year over over, but the average price remained essentially flat at $364,203.

In Calgary, September sales of all residential properties plunged 32 per cent, and average prices dropped about six per cent to $457,658.

Bollinger says that a recent report compiled by CBRE Group shows Calgary has the highest concentration of oil and gas jobs — 8.5 per cent — of any city in North America. Bollinger says it stands to reason that Calgary is seeing drops in both sales figures and average prices.

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"But to say all of Alberta is a uniform real estate market? It's not accurate, and I think it does a bit of a disservice to folks who might want to invest here, move here, or sell their homes here," Bollinger says.

He says Edmonton's economy, for example, is likely better poised to weather low oil prices because of its strengths in banking, construction, government, and health care.

"That city's chief economist just said Edmonton is likely to skirt a recession this year. Its economy might even grow slightly. And that all has a moderating effect on housing prices compared to its big sister city to the south."

Bollinger says Calgary's housing market traditionally sees "higher highs and lower lows" than Edmonton's.

"It's just another reason we should look at big headlines about Alberta's housing market with a grain of salt."

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Battistella brings micro-lofts to Calgary's East Village

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"The East Village is the up-and-coming area to be in if you're buying in Calgary," says Paul Battistella, owner of locally owned and operated Battistella developments. "It's hip, convenient and affordable."

Battistella's latest project INK, a collection of 119 industrial styled micro-lofts that will be located in the East Village, has units starting at 368 square feet. Smart floor plans merge living and sleeping spaces into one, while maintaining a standard-size bathroom and kitchen with full-size appliances.

Although the appeal of micro condos is largely about economics, place and privacy also play a role. According to Urban Land Institute's report The Macro View on Micro Units, "Those interested in micro units are seeking to lower their rental costs; they are also drawn to the trendy "hip" locations where micro units tend to be built, and by

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the ability to live alone."

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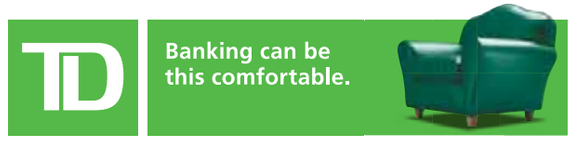

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Taking the fear out of digitizing

EMBRACE IT

Technology that can actually improve your business

Vawn Himmelsbach

Small business owners should start with the basics like updating their website. ISTOCK

Small business owners can be intimidated by the vast array of tech tools out there, from mobile to social and cloud. They may not have a dedicated IT staff or the budget for major investments, or they may just feel overwhelmed by the constant onslaught of new technologies.

"Even with pressures to compete on a global stage, a lot of SMBs in Canada really sell in a very local market," said Jim Westcott, research manager with IDC Canada. "They depend on repeat customers from a defined geography."

That means small business owners should start with the basics, such as updating their website. Many SMBs have static websites that haven't been updated in years, said Westcott. So they should refresh their content, enable commerce capabilities and ensure they have a social presence (such as Twitter and Facebook icons) so customers can connect and interact with the business in real time.

Technology is also being used to run the business, from the supply chain to customer management. The first step is to look at the business issue, and then consider how that issue can be addressed with technology — rather than buying technology for technology's sake.

IDC is seeing more SMBs take advantage of software-as-a-service (SaaS), where they purchase an application or software solution as a hosted or on-demand service — similar to paying for a monthly magazine subscription. SaaS falls under the broader umbrella of cloud computing; examples of SaaS include Dropbox, Salesforce.com and QuickBooks, as well as Microsoft Office 365.

The benefit of SaaS is that small business owners don't have to worry about updates or security patches; those are done automatically. And many SaaS vendors offer free trial versions, to try before you buy. But SaaS is not a panacea.

"Don't forget that information is still on someone's server somewhere," said John Carson, founder of Herb Communications. "People forget that. [The cloud] can still fail and can still get hacked."

Carson helps companies build their brand, but he's also a small business owner himself and is constantly testing out new technologies. He uses Google Drive to store his files, as well as FreshBooks for cloud-based accounting, but he also uses external backup so he's not completely reliant on the cloud. "When you're a small business, information is your life blood," he said. "You have to protect it."

While storage and backup is critical, small businesses don't have to jump on every new technology that comes to market.

If you're in manufacturing, you may want a 3D printer for prototyping. "But if you're in a software- or service-based business, what do you need a 3D printer for? Absolutely nothing," said Duncan Stewart, director of technology, media and telecommunications research for Deloitte Canada. The same goes for drones. If you're a farmer who wants to find his cows at night with an infrared camera, a drone might be useful, but for many small business owners it's irrelevant.

Steps for a successful sale

Business owners give the best years of their lives to build a successful enterprise. But with retirement approaching they must start planning for the next stage.

It's not the easiest decision to make, but some of you may conclude that selling your business to a third party is the most suitable next step given your circumstances.

The sale of a business should be central to every business owner's operational culture, says Orangeville, Ont.-based Tom Deans, an entrepreneur-turned-speaker whose family has successfully sold businesses worth more than $100 million. "An owner ought to be building it to be sold from the day a business is incorporated," he says. "This means building businesses that are not so reliant on the owner's direct involvement in operations."

Owners should allow themselves three to five years to plan and prepare before putting their business up for sale. Take necessary measures to make your business valuable to a potential buyer, says Deans. "When you know how someone else will place a value on your business, an owner will run a completely different, meaning vastly more profitable, business," he says.

Here are some of key planning steps to prime a business, make it attractive to potential buyers and get the maximum return from its sale.

Tom Deans. CONTRIBUTED

Bulk up profits and cash flow

Healthy cash flow means having money in the bank that can be reinvested in the business to support future growth.

"Free cash flow is a really important metric," says Deans. "Every business owner should know what their free cash flow is. Cash is king and free cash is what buyers love."

Free cash flow — expressed as EBITDA, or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization – can matter even more than sales figures.

Be financially transparent

A company's financial statements — annual income statements and balance sheets, etc. — are the most reliable indicators of its future performance. The more comfortable a buyer feels with your financial information, the greater the perceived value of your business.

Deans says to offer at least three to five years worth of financial history. "If a business has a terrific 20-year story of top-line sales and profit growth then sellers should provide that information," he adds.

It is recommended that business owners create an Offering Memorandum Booklet, which lists financial and non-financial information on the history of the business, and contains future projections.

Manage and mitigate risk perception

The risk equation is simple: the greater the perceived risk, the lower the price buyers willing to pay. Every business operation is unique, but there are general red flags that tend to increase buyers' risk perception.

Deans says the perception of risk is greater if "a businesses is too dependent on the owner for operational success, has more than 25 per cent of sales revenue tied to one customer," and is faced with the threat of "technology that will make your product or service obsolete."

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Taking the risk out of the Cloud

SAFETY

Tips to protect your business from data breaches

Marc Saltzman

Cloud services aren't 100 per cent risk-free. Protect yourself and your sensitive information. CONTRIBUTED

Canadian businesses are in the cloud.

And why wouldn't they be? Cloud services provide off-site protection from local hazards, such as fire, flood, viruses and other malicious software, theft, or a damaging power surge, to name a few threats.

Staff members can access files anywhere, any time, on virtually any device. Cloud services often support real-time collaboration with colleagues, plus it's an easy way to share large files without clogging up someone's inbox.

But cloud services aren't 100 per cent risk-free. While rare, data breaches do happen.

Here's how to help mitigate risk:

Stronger passwords

While it sounds like a no brainer, the first step is to create a strong password no one could possibly guess.

A good password is at least seven characters long and has a combination of letters, numbers, symbols and mixes upper and lower cases. Example: !Rw47#p

Because it can be a pain to remember, some security experts say you can also create a long word string instead, such as "slidingdowntheblueslideslowly!" as an example.

Or you can opt for an app or program that randomly generates tough passwords you can copy and paste into your cloud provider or automatically logs you in.

On a related note, be sure to have a password or PIN on all your devices, as well — be it a smartphone, tablet or laptop — just in case you lose it or if it's stolen. This provides a second layer of defense. Some devices allow for biometrics security, too, such as fingerprint or facial recognition.

Two-step verification

Many cloud providers offer a smart security feature called "two-step verification" or "two-step authentication."

Optional, but recommended, this adds an extra layer of protection to your cloud account as it not only requires your password to log in, but also a randomly-generated, one-time security code sent to your mobile phone (via text message or displayed in an app).

Type in the code once and your password will give you access to your files.

It won't likely be on default, so you'll need to enter the Settings/Options menu to enable it.

Public access tips

One of the advantages of the cloud is being able to log on from anywhere to access your data — but be very cautious when using a public PC, such as in an airport lounge, library, cybercafé, and so on.

For one, there could be "key-logging" software installed that secretly records everything typed onto the keyboard — including your login ID and password — and sends the information to a tech-savvy thief. Tip: if you must log into your cloud account, pull up the "soft" (virtual) keyboard instead.

Also, remember not to click "Remember my password," if the browser gives you the option and be sure to log out afterwards.

Better yet, resist logging in from a public PC or while in a free Wi-Fi hotspot as it could be a fake. Use your cellular connection on your own device as a Personal Hotspot, if you can.

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Troy Tulowitzki's 11 RBIs are second only to Paul Molitor (13 in 1993) among Blue Jays in a single post-season

Estrada carries Jays back to K.C.

Marco Estrada's performance on Wednesday kept Toronto alive to play at least one more game. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB PLAYOFFS

Royals look to finish ALCS with win in Game 6 Friday

Marco Estrada can count on striking it rich as a free agent in the off-season. Wherever he ends up, the Blue Jays will still owe him big-time.

For the second time in the post-season, the 32-year-old right-hander kept Toronto alive — this time with a gem of a pitching performance in a 7-1 win over Kansas City that forced a sixth game in their American League Championship Series.

Estrada was near flawless in limiting the Royals to one hit over seven innings and three over 7-2/3 innings.

"Everything he threw up there was right where he wanted it," said Toronto manager John Gibbons.

"He had everything going. He's sticking that fastball, nice little curveball, and his overpowering changeup. He shut down a good-hitting, hot team."

Estrada retired the first nine Kansas City batters he faced. A single in the fourth — promptly erased by a double play — and a two-out walk in the seventh were the only blemishes on his pitching line in the first seven innings as he retired 21 of 22.

He exited in the eighth to a standing ovation after giving up a two-out solo homer to Salvador Perez followed by a single to Alex Gordon.

"Today he was absolutely dynamite," said Royals manager Ned Yost. "He didn't miss spots. His changeup was fantastic. He just didn't give us anything to hit."

ALCS Game 5

The Royals still hold an edge going home, leading the best-of-seven series 3-2. The teams go at it Friday in Kauffman Stadium, with Toronto's David Price likely facing Yordano Ventura in a rematch of Game 2, won 6-3 by the Royals.

Game 7 is Saturday, if needed.

Troy Tulowitzki drove in three runs in a four-run Toronto sixth and Chris Colabello contributed a solo homer in the second before a loud crowd of 49,325 under the dome at the Rogers Centre.

"It's been a while since I pitched here, and I forgot how great our fans were," said Estrada. "It was pretty loud today. I had a lot of adrenalin going."

Estrada is the first Toronto pitcher to throw seven consecutive shutout innings in a post-season game since Jimmy Key in Game 4 of the 1992 World Series

Still, with the Royals having the edge going home, Yost said his team is feeling good.

"We knew it was going to be a tough series," he said. "But after winning the first two games, in reality your goal is to come to Toronto — kind of a foreign environment, a hostile environment — and at least win one. Then you get to go home and win one there and the series is over."

Tulowitzki, whose once cold bat has warmed up nicely, accounted for most of the offence by clearing the bases with a double in a four-run sixth.

The Jays shortstop, still feeling the effects of a late-season shoulder injury, came into the game hitting just .194 (7-for-36) but he has been a game-changer with the bat in three of Toronto's post-season outings. And despite playing in pain, he has been a big contributor to the defence.

Tulowitzki set a club record for most RBIs in a single ALCS (seven). THE CANADIAN PRESS

GAME 6 MATCHUP

David Price

2015 post-season stats

16.2	IP	12.1
1-2	W-L	0-1
7.02	ERA	6.57
1.14	WHIP	1.78
15	K	16

Yordano Ventura

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Royals starter left dwelling on umpire's crucial non-call

Edinson Volquez and the Kansas City Royals won't go away quietly, even in defeat.

After getting waxed 7-1 by the Jays in Game 5 Wednesday night, Volquez raised a number of issues about his power-on-power battle with Jose Bautista in the sixth inning that ended in a walk and opened the door to four Blue Jays runs.

Edinson Volquez THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

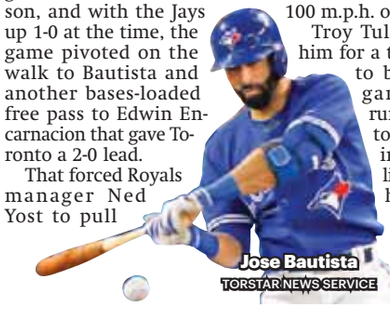
Volquez not only insisted the 3-2 pitch was a strike to Bautista, he said home-plate umpire Dan Iassonga apologized to Royals catcher Salvador Perez for "missing the pitch."

"I don't know … (Iassonga) apologized to Salvy because he thought that the pitch was a strike," said Volquez, who met with Perez when the count was 3-2, then delivered a breaking pitch to the outside corner.

"But he didn't say that to me. He said that to Salvy. He might know the pitch was a strike. Yeah, it was nice of him but it would have been better if he had given me the pitch (in the first place). But he's a human being, and we all make mistakes."

With Volquez's fastball as good as it has been this season, and with the Jays up 1-0 at the time, the game pivoted on the walk to Bautista and another bases-loaded free pass to Edwin Encarnacion that gave Toronto a 2-0 lead.

That forced Royals manager Ned Yost to pull Volquez and bring in reliever Kelvin Herrera, who can reach 100 m.p.h. on the speed gun.



Jose Bautista TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Troy Tulowitzki rapped him for a three-run double to break open the game. All three runs were charged to Volquez, whose inflated pitching line did not reflect how competitive an outing he put up for his team.

"I think it was a strike (to Bautista) … I went to the video room and I saw the pitch and I thought it was a strike," Volquez said.

"And the umpire apologized to Salvy. He told him he thought it was a strike. You feel bad at the time but you are not going to get that pitch back. You gotta move forward and win the game at home."

Meanwhile, Bautista gladly took his base.

"I wasn't (confident I'd get the call), but I did," Bautista said. "I was relieved after."

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IN BRIEF

Cavs, Thompson make deal

The Cavaliers and free-agent forward Tristan Thompson have agreed in principle on a five-year, $82-million contract, ending his holdout.

Thompson, who helped Cleveland get to the NBA Finals last season when he filled in for an injured Kevin Love, had been seeking a maximum deal. The sides reached an agreement Wednesday, days before the season opener. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Troubled Jackets turn to Torts

John Tortorella hoisted a Stanley Cup in Tampa Bay and led the New York Rangers to the verge of a championship berth.

At woebegone Columbus, the Blue Jackets have a more modest goal for the veteran coach: win a game. Tortorella is back coaching in the NHL after the Blue Jackets fired Todd Richards on Wednesday with the team off to an 0-7-0 start. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sabres beat Leafs in shootout

Evander Kane tied it with 4:29 left with his first goal for Buffalo and the Sabres beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 2-1 in a shootout Wednesday night.

Matt Moulson and Tyler Ennis scored in the shootout, while Chad Johnson made 23 saves as Buffalo improved to 2-4-0. P.A. Parenteau scored and Jonathan Bernier made 34 saves as the Maple Leafs fell to 1-3-2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Giroux leads Flyers to victory

Claude Giroux's second goal, coming on a power play 2:09 into overtime, lifted the Philadelphia Flyers to a 5-4 win over the Boston Bruins on Wednesday night.

The Flyers overcame a two-goal deficit in the third period before Giroux one-timed a shot past Tuukka Rask from the left circle for the winner. The Bruins were short-handed with Ryan Spooner off for hooking. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bob Hartley's Flames have been figured out by most teams in the NHL, says The Hockey News columnist Brian Costello.
MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES

Hartley is a puzzle too easily solved

THE HOCKEY NEWS
Brian Costello
FOR METRO

Scotty Bowman often said the measure of a good coach is coming up with a game plan his players can successfully execute; but the measure of a great coach is establishing a counterattack once opposing teams figure out the first part.

We know Bob Hartley accomplished the former — breakout 2014-15 season for the Calgary Flames and coach-of-the-year award — but now we're waiting to see if there's a counter punch in his repertoire. The NHL has figured out the Flames this season. Defend against the stretch pass, control play in the Calgary zone and direct pucks to the net, and activate two forwards when a Flames blue-liner pinches. The result has been countless odd-man rushes towards the Calgary net, a stymied Flames attack, and extra stress defending the opposition. Sadly, we know how that's turned out in the win-loss column so far this season — 1-5-0.

So what has Hartley done to counter? He mixed up the lines, which changed the dynamics a bit, but didn't generate higher shot rates. But it's the defence and goaltending that is struggling the most.

The coach waited until the third period Tuesday before adjusting his defensive pairs. The Dennis Wideman-Kris Russell tandem has struggled all season and was mediocre at best last year. It deserves to be blown up. The Mark Giordano-Dougie Hamilton duo has been a disaster from the get-go. Only the Brett Kulak-Deryk Engelland pair is holding its own, but it only plays about once every five shifts.

Ideally, when T.J. Brodie returns sometime late next week, he raises the bar by teaming up with Giordano. Then it's up to Russell to try to bring the best out of Hamilton, who has looked slow, as soft as butter, lacking in anticipation and imagination with zero sense of urgency. Wideman probably shouldn't be used much more than on special teams until he shores up defensively. Now that Hartley is down to two goalies, it'll be interesting to see if he's ready to give Joni Ortio an extended run or if Jonas Hiller can be his man. Hiller is the type of goalie who gets better with an increased workload. But Ortio is the one with a future in the organization. As for how the Flames are going to generate better shot rates? We're waiting to see what Hartley can come up with on the fly.

STATS

This is how Flames are doing in comparison to teammates. A higher number indicates the team is generating more shot attempts when that player is on the ice.

Top five	Bottom five
1. Engelland 9.0	1. Jones -4.9
2. Kulak 7.1	2. Russell -4.5
3. Bennett 3.9	3. Monahan -3.1
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RECIPE Corn Pancakes

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

What's better than breakfast for dinner? Some days, nothing beats the ease and speed of hearty, savoury pancakes.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 Tbsp vegetable oil, plus a bit for the pan
- 2 cups buttermilk (or 2 Tbsp vinegar added to regular milk)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 1/2 cups corn meal
- 4 scallions, trimmed, chopped

Directions
1. Pour frozen corn into a bowl to thaw as you prepare the rest of the recipe
2. Beat egg whites into soft peaks and set aside.
3. Blend egg yolks, oil and buttermilk well.
4. Mix flour, cornmeal, baking soda, baking powder, salt and sugar.
5. Combine wet and dry ingredients and add corn and scallions. Gently fold in egg whites. Let stand 10 minutes before cooking.
6. Heat a small amount of vegetable oil in a pan at just above medium. Pour 1/4 cup of batter per pancake into the pan, cook until you see bubbles along the edges, flip and cook for a minute or two on the other side. Serve with a salad or steamed veggies for dinner!

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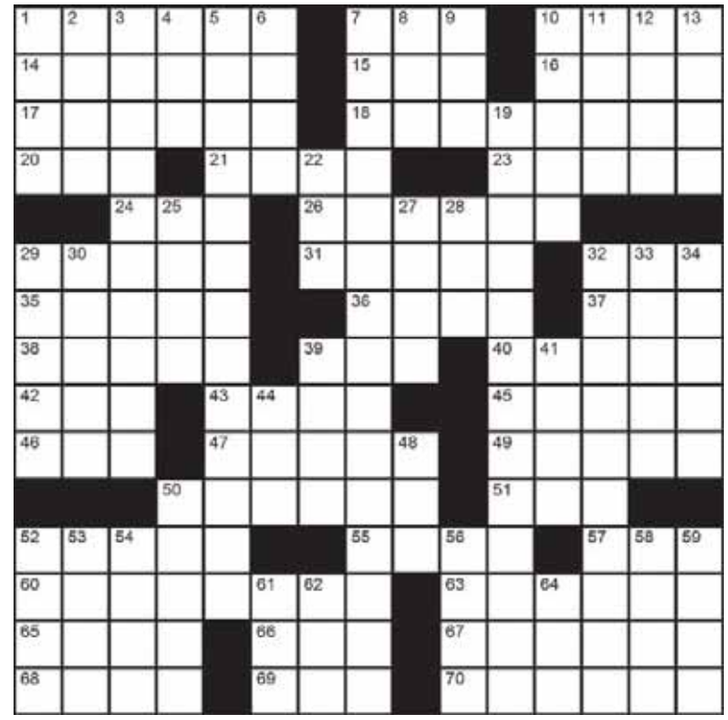
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Lake __, in Banff National Park
7. Soldiers Joe and Jane
10. Hawk
14. About [abbr.]
15. Parisian tap liquid
16. __-dokie
17. Spice mixture of India
18. Bikini alternative
20. Will Smith movie
21. Mr. Sharif
23. Puff __ (Type of viper)
24. Hoover __
26. "Maybe...": 2 wds.
29. Words to live by
31. Heads: French
32. NBA's Rockets, on scoreboards
35. Shade of green
36. Collaborative website name prefix
37. Smartphone add-on
38. In the midst of
39. French seasoning
40. Paddled
42. Use a needle and thread
43. Cheers!
45. Elaine __ ("Taxi" role for Marilu Henner)
46. Bart, to Homer
47. Segments
49. Chasm
50. Press down the pill bottle's cap: 2 wds.
51. Tic-__-Toe
52. Murdered
55. Memo
57. Knock the door
60. More than enough
63. Safe
65. And others [abbr.]: 2 wds.
66. Superlative suffix
67. 'Proud Heritage, Bright Future' town in Ontario
68. Goes off course
69. Alphabet's last letter, to a Canadian
70. Sportswear brand

DOWN
1. The Dalai __
2. October's birthstone
3. 1980 disco hit for Diana Ross that goes "Instinctively you give to me / The love that I need...": 2 wds.
4. Rosemary's Baby novelist Mr. Levin
5. Villain in "Superman's Song" by Crash Test Dummies: 2 wds.
6. Test
7. Bread, Grocery Stores... Canadian company founded in 1882: __ __.
8. Sir McKellen
9. Go to court
10. Annuls
11. Just barely got by
12. Kind
13. "The __ Hunter" (1978)
19. CBC documentaries program, "The __ __"
22. River islet
25. Gulf of __ (It's between Somalia and Yemen)
27. Gas or elec., e.g.
28. "Vampire bat!"
29. Elegance
30. Lothario
32. John Candy is a private investigator in 1989 comedy "Who's __ __?"
33. Opinionated newspaper columns
34. Beehives, at the salon
39. Transport
41. Rhyming scheme
44. Anecdotal collection
48. __-Cat (Ski hill machine)
50. Markets
52. Adhere
53. Greek salad cheese
54. Imperfection
56. Bygone sovereign
58. Prefix that means 'Mars'
59. Added benefit
61. "That '70s Show" role
62. Expend
64. NFL's Browns city, shortened

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
A snap decision is called for and there is no way of knowing how it will turn out. The worst thing you can do is to make no decision at all, so call it as you see it and hope for the best.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
There will be a number of obstacles placed in your path. Although they may be annoying they won't be too serious, so don't overreact. With the Sun moving into your opposite sign tomorrow, the less hassle the better.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Work and health matters will take on extra importance. Think deeply about what you are doing and the effect it is having on your physical, mental and emotional well-being.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The Sun's move into the dynamic area of your chart will coincide with a surge of confidence, and because you look at life in a more positive way others will be more upbeat too.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You will face several challenges. The most important of these will be to find out why partners and loved ones are suddenly so hard to get along with. Could it be because they feel a bit neglected?

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Money matters worry you less beginning tomorrow. If you get the urge to travel don't resist it. A journey of just a few miles could lead to something special.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't worry if something important is leaving your life because something better will replace it. Everything in life tends to balance itself out: a Libra of all people should know that.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The Sun's move into your birth sign marks the start of a new solar year, so by all means go out and celebrate. An evening spent with loved ones will put you in the right frame of mind. Do something special over the weekend.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You would like nothing better than to live in your own little world for a while. So why don't you? You can be as anti-social as you please.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Are you doing something useful with your life? Does your existence make a difference? However you answer those questions you will get the chance to do a good deed over the next 48 hours.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is no time to be cautious. Don't sit back waiting for opportunities to come to you. With your persuasive talents you can easily get people in positions of power to favour you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun is moving into one of the most adventurous areas of your chart. Take full advantage. If you get the chance to travel don't hesitate, just pack your bag and go.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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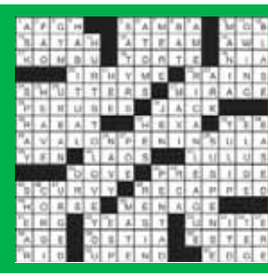

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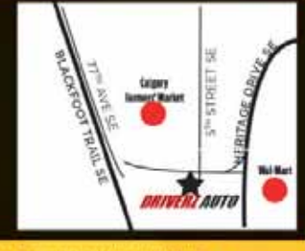

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